

June 7, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: INCREASED FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

As the California State Legislature finalizes its spending priorities for the upcoming year, Ascencia urges you to include at least \$1.5 billion for homelessness initiatives.

Ascencia's mission is to lift people out of homelessness, one person and one family at a time. We envision a community where people in need can find services, resources, and safe, affordable housing. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people falling into homelessness and seeking help. Although the PIT HC numbers are down 6.5% in the City of Glendale where we are located, 80% of our clients come from other areas where homelessness has sharply increased. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,



Dr. Laura Duncan  
Executive Director



1851 Tyburn Street  
Glendale, CA 91204

T 818.246.7900  
F 818.246.2858

AscenciaCA.org



/AscenciaCA

June 7, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: INCREASED FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

As the California State Legislature finalizes its spending priorities for the upcoming year, Ascencia urges you to include at least \$1.5 billion for homelessness initiatives.

Ascencia's mission is to lift people out of homelessness, one person and one family at a time. We envision a community where people in need can find services, resources, and safe, affordable housing. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people falling into homelessness and seeking help. Although the PIT HC numbers are down 6.5% in the City of Glendale where we are located, 80% of our clients come from other areas where homelessness has sharply increased. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laura Duncan  
Executive Director



1851 Tyburn Street  
Glendale, CA 91204

T 818.246.7900  
F 818.246.2858

AscenciaCA.org



/AscenciaCA

May 22, 2019

The Honorable Toni Atkins  
California State Senate  
Capitol Office, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Atkins,

California is home to the highest unsheltered population in the nation. With 49% of the nation's unsheltered Americans residing in California we must address this crisis and eliminate barriers that are preventing our unhoused neighbors from access to housing. I am writing today to ask for your support for investments in homeless services through the proposed HEAP funding, including the addition of greater flexibility in how local communities utilize the funds.

Chrysalis is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to find and retain employment. We believe the benefits of getting and keeping a job are about more than just income and survival. Employment is a small bell of success in the greater self-sufficiency journey. We owe our communities, we owe our unhoused Californians innovative programming and ask for your support for an added investment in HEAP, one that includes the flexibility to invest in employment programs.

Solutions to homelessness are made with flexibility and commitment to not just our allies and partners but commitment to those who simply look for a hand up, not a hand out. Chrysalis asks that you support an increase in HEAP from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion, add greater flexibility in how HEAP funds are spent to accommodate local community homelessness strategies and apply less rigid deadlines to HEAP.

As Governor Gavin Newsom recently stated in his budget speech on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, "Something we don't talk about enough when it comes to the issue of homelessness, is jobs. You're not going to solve homelessness, it's not just housing, it's self-sufficiency, it's jobs." As an organization that sees the impact that housing instability has on employment retention we stand with community organizations and our unhoused neighbors in support for the investment in HEAP and to support an end to homelessness in California.

Sincerely,



Mark Loranger  
President & CEO  
Chrysalis

May 22, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Office, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Speaker Rendon,

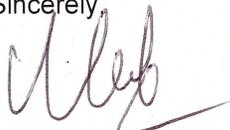
California is home to the highest unsheltered population in the nation. With 49% of the nation's unsheltered Americans residing in California we must address this crisis and eliminate barriers that are preventing our unhoused neighbors from access to housing. I am writing today to ask for your support for investments in homeless services through the proposed HEAP funding, including the addition of greater flexibility in how local communities utilize the funds.

Chrysalis is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to find and retain employment. We believe the benefits of getting and keeping a job are about more than just income and survival. Employment is a small bell of success in the greater self-sufficiency journey. We owe our communities, we owe our unhoused Californians innovative programming and ask for your support for an added investment in HEAP, one that includes the flexibility to invest in employment programs.

Solutions to homelessness are made with flexibility and commitment to not just our allies and partners but commitment to those who simply look for a hand up, not a hand out. Chrysalis asks that you support an increase in HEAP from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion, add greater flexibility in how HEAP funds are spent to accommodate local community homelessness strategies and apply less rigid deadlines to HEAP.

As Governor Gavin Newsom recently stated in his budget speech on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, "Something we don't talk about enough when it comes to the issue of homelessness, is jobs. You're not going to solve homelessness, it's not just housing, it's self-sufficiency, it's jobs." As an organization that sees the impact that housing instability has on employment retention we stand with community organizations and our unhoused neighbors in support for the investment in HEAP and to support an end to homelessness in California.

Sincerely,



Mark Loranger  
President & CEO  
Chrysalis

**Downtown Los Angeles**

522 S. Main St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(213) 806-6300

**Orange County**

290 S. Anaheim Blvd.  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
(714) 204-3000

**San Fernando Valley**

13545 Van Nuys Blvd. Ste. 1  
Pacoima, CA 91331  
(818) 794-4200

**Santa Monica**

1853 Lincoln Blvd.  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(310) 401-9400

# DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER



442 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
T: 213.680.0600 | F: 213.680.0844  
[www.DowntownWomensCenter.org](http://www.DowntownWomensCenter.org)

May 13, 2019

The Honorable Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Rendon:

Downtown Women's Center writes to encourage the California State legislature to approve \$1.5 billion to end homelessness throughout California in this year's State Budget.

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, workforce, and advocacy. In Los Angeles County, women comprise 31% of the overall homeless population. Although Los Angeles County noted a 5% decrease from 2017 to 2018 in female homelessness, the count of women in the Skid Row Community increased by 35%.

In order to meet the increased needs of women in our community, Downtown Women's Center is pleased to share that the State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) will fund our new Bridge Housing Program, slotted to open on July 1 to serve more than 60 women each year from homelessness to permanent housing.

We were encouraged to see the California State Legislature approve \$500 million through the HEAP last year. However, we believe homelessness deserves greater priority in Sacramento and urge you to support a return to the legislature's 2018 position of \$1.5 billion to help end homelessness for the 130,000 Californians without homes any given night.

DWC strongly supports this funding request and thanks you for your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Watson, MBA  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Downtown Women's Center

# DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER



442 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
T: 213.680.0600 | F: 213.680.0844  
[www.DowntownWomensCenter.org](http://www.DowntownWomensCenter.org)

May 13, 2019

The Honorable Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Atkins:

Downtown Women's Center writes to encourage the California State legislature to approve \$1.5 billion to end homelessness throughout California in this year's State Budget.

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, workforce, and advocacy. In Los Angeles County, women comprise 31% of the overall homeless population. Although Los Angeles County noted a 5% decrease from 2017 to 2018 in female homelessness, the count of women in the Skid Row Community increased by 35%.

In order to meet the increased needs of women in our community, Downtown Women's Center is pleased to share that the State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) will fund our new Bridge Housing Program, slotted to open on July 1 to serve more than 60 women each year from homelessness to permanent housing.

We were encouraged to see the California State Legislature approve \$500 million through the HEAP last year. However, we believe homelessness deserves greater priority in Sacramento and urge you to support a return to the legislature's 2018 position of \$1.5 billion to help end homelessness for the 130,000 Californians without homes any given night.

DWC strongly supports this funding request and thanks you for your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Watson, MBA  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Downtown Women's Center



---

## “First To Serve” Inc. Outreach Ministries

---

Rev. Richard Reed, Executive Director  
1017 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, California 90037  
Bus (323) 758-4670 Cell (323) 595-7502 Fax (323) 758-4011  
E-mail: [rreed@firsttoserve.org](mailto:rreed@firsttoserve.org)

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: STATE BUDGET REQUEST ON HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

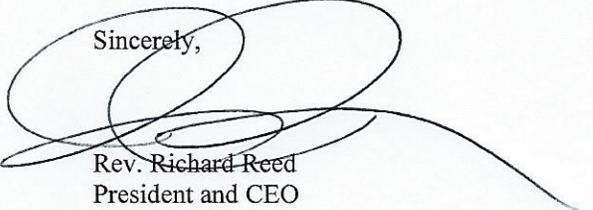
First To Serve respectfully asks for your support to invest \$1.5 billion for homelessness initiatives in the 2019-2020 state budget.

Since 2003, First to Serve has focused on providing transitional housing, medical, and supportive services to homeless men, women and children in South Los Angeles, all while promoting family reunification, and supporting efforts to assist families in remaining intact. We have roughly 200 staff members serving an estimated 600 individuals every night at any of our 17 locations across Los Angeles. First to Serve partners with LAHSA, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County to improve our community by providing competent and professional services to underserved families. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people falling into homelessness and seeking help. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Rev. Richard Reed  
President and CEO



---

## “First To Serve” Inc. Outreach Ministries

---

Rev. Richard Reed, Executive Director  
1017 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, California 90037  
Bus (323) 758-4670 Cell (323) 595-7502 Fax (323) 758-4011  
E-mail: [rreed@firsttoserve.org](mailto:rreed@firsttoserve.org)

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: STATE BUDGET REQUEST ON HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

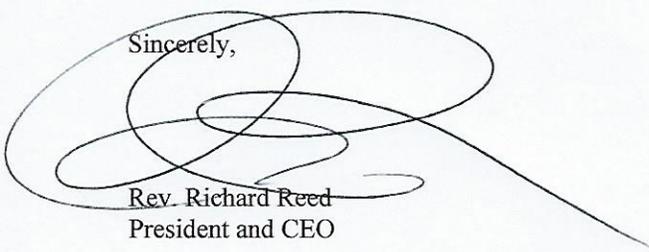
First To Serve respectfully asks for your support to invest \$1.5 billion for homelessness initiatives in the 2019-2020 state budget.

Since 2003, First to Serve has focused on providing transitional housing, medical, and supportive services to homeless men, women and children in South Los Angeles, all while promoting family reunification, and supporting efforts to assist families in remaining intact. We have roughly 200 staff members serving an estimated 600 individuals every night at any of our 17 locations across Los Angeles. First to Serve partners with LAHSA, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County to improve our community by providing competent and professional services to underserved families. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people falling into homelessness and seeking help. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Rev. Richard Reed  
President and CEO

May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: BOOSTING STATE INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

As homelessness in California continues to worsen, Gettlove requests your support for \$1.5 billion in the state budget to create lasting solutions to this crisis.

Gettlove is dedicated to ending homelessness in Los Angeles by responding to our most vulnerable neighbors with housing, companionship, community and advocacy. This includes intensive case management, community engagement and representative payee services. Gettlove further strives to be a catalyst and a model within the community, evaluating and implementing innovative practices that can be replicated throughout the country. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people falling into homelessness and seeking help. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,



Keegan Hornbeck, LCSW  
Executive Director

May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: BOOSTING STATE INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

As homelessness in California continues to worsen, Gettlove requests your support for \$1.5 billion in the state budget to create lasting solutions to this crisis.

Gettlove is dedicated to ending homelessness in Los Angeles by responding to our most vulnerable neighbors with housing, companionship, community and advocacy. This includes intensive case management, community engagement and representative payee services. Gettlove further strives to be a catalyst and a model within the community, evaluating and implementing innovative practices that can be replicated throughout the country. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people falling into homelessness and seeking help. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keegan Hornbeck".

Keegan Hornbeck, LCSW  
Executive Director



P.O. Box 260  
Canoga Park, CA 91305  
Office: 818.887.7481  
Fax: 818.887.4796  
Crisis Line: 818.887.6589  
[www.havenhills.org](http://www.havenhills.org)

June 5, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: BOOSTING STATE INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

As homelessness in California continues to worsen, Haven Hills requests your support for \$1.5 billion in the state budget to create lasting solutions to this crisis.

Established in 1977, Haven Hills is one of the oldest and largest domestic violence programs in Southern California. Our organization provides safety, shelter, and support to all victims of domestic violence while working to break the cycle of abuse. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, victims face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Iliana Tavera'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Iliana Tavera  
Executive Director



P.O. Box 260  
Canoga Park, CA 91305  
Office: 818.887.7481  
Fax: 818.887.4796  
Crisis Line: 818.887.6589  
[www.havenhills.org](http://www.havenhills.org)

June 5, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: BOOSTING STATE INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

As homelessness in California continues to worsen, Haven Hills requests your support for \$1.5 billion in the state budget to create lasting solutions to this crisis.

Established in 1977, Haven Hills is one of the oldest and largest domestic violence programs in Southern California. Our organization provides safety, shelter, and support to all victims of domestic violence while working to break the cycle of abuse. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, victims face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

Iliana Tavera  
Executive Director

May 29, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE  
HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Homeless Health Care Los Angeles supports a \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

Founded in 1985, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles has helped more than 200,000 marginalized and impoverished individuals and their families through medical, behavioral health and quality of life services. Our mission is to develop and implement innovative strategies for reducing the impact of homelessness in the communities of Los Angeles. Based on many years of working on the issue of homelessness, we now sense that the crisis in our state is worsening. We urge the California State Legislature to allocate more resources.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,



Mark Casanova  
Executive Director

**H O M E L E S S  
H E A L T H C A R E  
L O S A N G E L E S**

**headquarters**

1282 w. 2nd street  
los angeles, california 90026

**main site**

2330 beverly boulevard  
los angeles, california 90057

**center for harm reduction**

512 e. 4th street  
los angeles, california 90013

HHCLA is a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization  
tax ID 95-4074970

**hhcla.org**  
213.744.0724 phone

May 29, 2019

HOMELESS  
HEALTH CARE  
LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol  
Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**headquarters**

1282 w. 2nd street  
los angeles, california 90026

**main site**

2330 beverly boulevard  
los angeles, california 90057

**center for harm reduction**

512 e. 4th street  
los angeles, california 90013

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE  
HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Homeless Health Care Los Angeles supports a \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

Founded in 1985, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles has helped more than 200,000 marginalized and impoverished individuals and their families through medical, behavioral health and quality of life services. Our mission is to develop and implement innovative strategies for reducing the impact of homelessness in the communities of Los Angeles. Based on many years of working on the issue of homelessness, we now sense that the crisis in our state is worsening. We urge the California State Legislature to allocate more resources.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,



Mark Casanova  
Executive Director

HHCLA is a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization  
tax ID 95-4074970

**hhcla.org**  
213.744.0724 phone



# Hillsides

815 Colorado Blvd., Suite 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

T 323.543.2800  
F 323.978.1636

[hillsides.org](http://hillsides.org)

CREATING LASTING CHANGE

Joseph M. Costa  
Chief Executive Officer  
Daniel Braun, MBA  
Chief Financial Officer  
Diana Buehler  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Carrie Espinoza  
Chief Advancement Officer  
Stacey R. Roth, LCSW  
Chief Operating Officer

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jesse A. Cripps  
Chair  
Wendy Lees  
First Vice Chair  
Cara Valentini  
Second Vice Chair  
Jim Keatley  
Treasurer  
Valerie Casey  
Secretary  
Donna B. Ford  
Ex-Officio

Isidro Armenta  
Jennifer Brian  
Donald P. Clark  
Tony Danz  
Katrin Doyle  
Samuel Garrison  
John S. Gong  
Gina Guerra  
Raphael Henderson  
Ronald C. Hillary, MSW  
Schuyler Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Stacey Hoppe  
The Rev. Norman Hull  
J. Christopher Jennings, Esq.  
Judith Kim, M.D.  
Nurit M. Kotick  
John C. Lukes  
Brent M. Mason  
Thomas F. Miller  
Lizbeth Nevarez  
Susan Noce  
Edward J. Patterson  
Renee Pozza  
Joe Regan  
Barbara Scheper  
Robert Shepherd  
Elizabeth Short, M.D.  
Sara J. Simpson  
The Rev. Edward Sniecienski  
Lyn Spector  
The Rt. Rev. John H. Taylor  
Shelia D. Taylor  
Janis M. Tanji Wong

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: BOOSTING STATE INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon,

As the challenges of homelessness across California continue to worsen, Hillsides requests your support for setting aside at least \$1.5 billion in the state budget to create lasting solutions to this crisis.

Hillsides, including its affiliate Bienvenidos, is a nonprofit child welfare provider offering a range of services through community-based and residential treatment programs to nearly 17,000 children, young adults, and families per year in Southern California. We also operate a non-public school on our main campus, the Hillsides Education Center, a housing program for transition-aged youth, and provide in-school mental health support for students in more than 20 school districts across the Los Angeles area. Foster care and adoption services in approved resource family homes serve families in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties.

Through our work across these programs we remain dedicated to healing children and young adults, strengthening families, and transforming communities through quality comprehensive services and advocacy. Of particular relevance, through our Youth Moving On (YMO) program we provide youth transitioning out of the foster care system with affordable quality housing and comprehensive support services to help them become self-sufficient adults. Without these resources and support services, these young adults would likely experience homeless and its associated risks and hardships – an experience that is all too common for many of their peers.





# Hillsides

CREATING LASTING CHANGE

815 Colorado Blvd., Suite 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

T 323.543.2800  
F 323.978.1636

[hillsides.org](http://hillsides.org)

---

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon

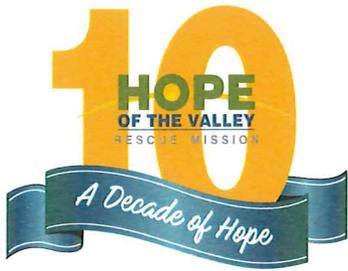
Page Two of Two

Last year, the State Legislature recognized the growing homelessness crisis in California and created the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County and across the state. More recently, Gov. Newsom laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow – in particular the number of homeless young adults – and we need a greater commitment of resources to bring these numbers down. At the same time, state homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but also remain flexible, allowing local governments and continuums of care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Hillsides stands with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding at least \$1.5 billion to these efforts to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Costa  
President & CEO



MAY 30, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

As the California State Legislature finalizes its spending priorities for the upcoming year, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission urges you to include at least \$1.5 billion for homelessness initiatives.

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission exists to prevent, reduce, and eliminate poverty, hunger and homelessness. As a faith-based compassion ministry our goal is to meet the needs of the "whole" person – spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The organization is governed by a skilled and experienced local board of directors comprised of men and women who have a tremendous passion to see the needs of the hurting met in the San Fernando Valley. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people unable to keep up with rising housing costs falling into homelessness and seeking help. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow, and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

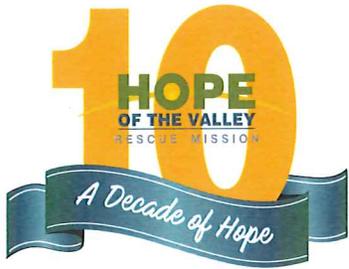
Sincerely,



KEN CRAFT  
CEO and Founder



[www.adecadeofhope.com](http://www.adecadeofhope.com)



MAY 30, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

As the California State Legislature finalizes its spending priorities for the upcoming year, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission urges you to include at least \$1.5 billion for homelessness initiatives.

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission exists to prevent, reduce, and eliminate poverty, hunger and homelessness. As a faith-based compassion ministry our goal is to meet the needs of the "whole" person – spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The organization is governed by a skilled and experienced local board of directors comprised of men and women who have a tremendous passion to see the needs of the hurting met in the San Fernando Valley. Our services are in demand as never before, with increasing numbers of people unable to keep up with rising housing costs falling into homelessness and seeking help. We ask that Sacramento take a larger role in funding local efforts to address homelessness.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow, and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,  


KEN CRAFT  
CEO and Founder



[www.adecadeofhope.com](http://www.adecadeofhope.com)



June 4, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

HOPICS supports a \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

Since 1988, HOPICS has proudly helped more than 25,000 people including families, veterans, and former inmates get back on their feet. Our organization is dedicated to providing the highest quality innovative social service to South Los Angeles with an emphasis on behavioral health and housing stability. In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

Veronica Lewis  
Director

*A Division of Special Service for Groups*

Phone: 323.948.0444 \* Fax: 323.948.0443 \* Website: [www.hopics.org](http://www.hopics.org)  
**5715 South Broadway/ Los Angeles, CA 90037**



June 4, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

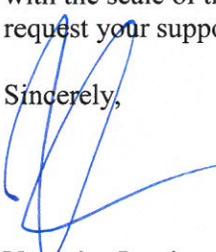
HOPICS supports a \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

Since 1988, HOPICS has proudly helped more than 25,000 people including families, veterans, and former inmates get back on their feet. Our organization is dedicated to providing the highest quality innovative social service to South Los Angeles with an emphasis on behavioral health and housing stability. In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Veronica Lewis  
Director

*A Division of Special Service for Groups*

Phone: 323.948.0444 \* Fax: 323.948.0443 \* Website: [www.hopics.org](http://www.hopics.org)  
**5715 South Broadway/ Los Angeles, CA 90037**



May 24, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of Inner City Law Center, thank you for advocating to create the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) during last year's budget negotiations. These funds are already making a difference in Los Angeles.

Very soon, LAHSA will release its Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. We don't yet know what these numbers will be, but homelessness has risen sharply in places that have already revealed their counts – up 17% in San Francisco, 42% in San Jose, 43% in Alameda County and Orange County, and 64% in Kern County. Homelessness is getting worse in California.

As this crisis grows, we need the State Assembly to play a greater role in solving homelessness. The Provider Alliance was encouraged to see Gov. Newsom's \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness in his May budget revision. We are calling on Sacramento to do even more. The Assembly should go back to its \$1.5 billion recommendation that served as the basis for last year's budget agreement with Gov. Brown. These funds should remain flexible so that cities, counties, and Continuums of Care can put them to best use. This year's fiscal outlook is stronger than ever with a \$21.5 billion surplus, while the need to address homelessness has never been greater.

I am enclosing research by the Provider Alliance to End Homelessness that shows the positive impact HEAP is already having in Los Angeles. These resources are saving lives and helping people find permanent housing. We urge the California State Assembly to continue this progress by supporting a \$1.5 billion investment this year in the plan to fight homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Murray', written in a cursive style.

Adam Murray  
Executive Director



May 24, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of Inner City Law Center, thank you for advocating to create the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) during last year's budget negotiations. These funds are already making a difference in Los Angeles.

Very soon, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority will release its Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. We don't yet know what these numbers will be, but homelessness has risen sharply in places that have already revealed their counts – up 17% in San Francisco, 42% in San Jose, 43% in Alameda County and Orange County, and 64% in Kern County. Homelessness is getting worse in California.

As this crisis grows, we need the State Legislature to play a greater role in solving homelessness. The Provider Alliance was encouraged to see Gov. Newsom's \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness in his May budget revision. We are calling on Sacramento to do even more. The Legislature should go back to its \$1.5 billion recommendation that served as the basis for last year's budget agreement with Gov. Brown. These funds should remain flexible so that cities, counties, and Continuums of Care can put them to best use. This year's fiscal outlook is stronger than ever with a \$21.5 billion surplus, while the need to address homelessness has never been greater.

I am enclosing research by the Provider Alliance to End Homelessness that shows the positive impact HEAP is already having in Los Angeles. These resources are saving lives and helping people find permanent housing. We urge the California State Assembly to continue this progress by supporting a \$1.5 billion investment this year in the plan to fight homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Murray', is written over a horizontal line.

Adam Murray  
Executive Director



May 30, 2019

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Teddy Kapur**  
*Chair*

**Jill Martin**  
*Vice Chair, Treasurer*

**David Goodenough**  
*Secretary, Governance Chair  
Past Chair*

**Dana Kiesel, PhD**  
*Program Chair  
Past Chair*

**Bret Parsons**  
*Community Engagement Chair*

**Barbara Bouza**

**Troy Brown**

**Cristina Carlis**

**Steven Dunst**

**Gary Hunt**

**Tim McCaffrey**

**Bret Parsons**

**George Phillips, Jr.**

**John Terzian**

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

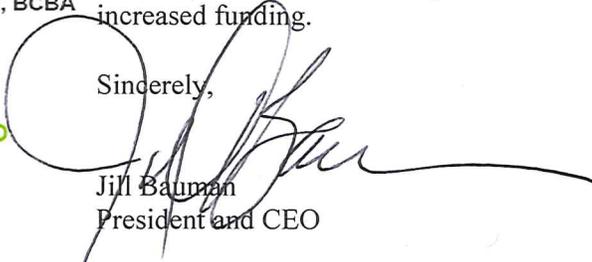
Imagine LA supports a \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

We are a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of family homelessness, poverty and neglect. Imagine LA's unique Family Empowerment and Mentorship model works within the Los Angeles area and the surrounding communities of Hollywood/Downtown, Inglewood, South LA, Pasadena, and the San Fernando Valley. Our professional intensive case management staff work together with trained and guided volunteer mentor teams to help families go from barely surviving to thriving – to break their generation cycle of poverty. Families face incredible pressures when they fall into homelessness, often resorting to splitting up children among friends and relatives or attempting to stay together in vehicles and other makeshift arrangements. We need greater action from the California State Legislature to address this crisis with a clear eye toward long term solutions to both homelessness and poverty.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

  
Jill Bauman  
President and CEO

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**The Rev. Dr. Mark Brewer**  
*Founder*

**John C. Bedrosian**

**Rabbi Ken Chasen**

**Bruce Corwin**

**Andy Goodman**

**Paul Freese, JD**

**Bonnie Mark**

**Terri Oppelt**

**Scott Sale, MD**  
*Past Chair*

**Wayne Tashjian, MFT, BCBA**

**The Late Dale Young**

**Jim Young**

#### PRESIDENT & CEO

**Jill Govan Bauman**



May 30, 2019

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Teddy Kapur**  
*Chair*

**Jill Martin**  
*Vice Chair, Treasurer*

**David Goodenough**  
*Secretary, Governance Chair  
Past Chair*

**Dana Kiesel, PhD**  
*Program Chair  
Past Chair*

**Bret Parsons**  
*Community Engagement Chair*

**Barbara Bouza**

**Troy Brown**

**Cristina Carlis**

**Steven Dunst**

**Gary Hunt**

**Tim McCaffrey**

**Bret Parsons**

**George Phillips, Jr.**

**John Terzian**

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

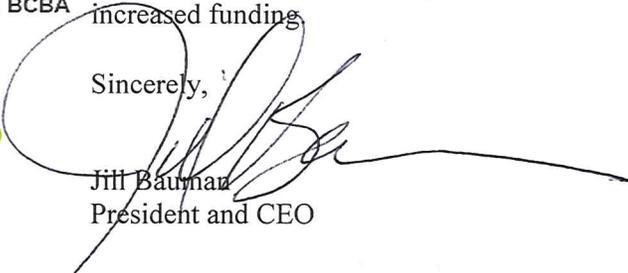
Imagine LA supports a \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

We are a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of family homelessness, poverty and neglect. Imagine LA's unique Family Empowerment and Mentorship model works within the Los Angeles area and the surrounding communities of Hollywood/Downtown, Inglewood, South LA, Pasadena, and the San Fernando Valley. Our professional intensive case management staff work together with trained and guided volunteer mentor teams to help families go from barely surviving to thriving – to break their generation cycle of poverty. Families face incredible pressures when they fall into homelessness, often resorting to splitting up children among friends and relatives or attempting to stay together in vehicles and other makeshift arrangements. We need greater action from the California State Legislature to address this crisis with a clear eye toward long term solutions to both homelessness and poverty.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

  
Jill Bauman  
President and CEO

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL

**The Rev. Dr. Mark Brewer**  
*Founder*

**John C. Bedrosian**

**Rabbi Ken Chasen**

**Bruce Corwin**

**Andy Goodman**

**Paul Freese, JD**

**Bonnie Mark**

**Terri Oppelt**

**Scott Sale, MD**  
*Past Chair*

**Wayne Tashjian, MFT, BCBA**

**The Late Dale Young**

**Jim Young**

#### PRESIDENT & CEO

**Jill Govan Bauman**

# Jenesse Center, Inc.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pat Greene  
*President*

Stephanie M. Quarles, M.D.  
*Vice-President*

Vida Spears  
*Secretary*

Marcia Haynes  
*Treasurer*

Bonnie Hill, Ed.D.  
*Parliamentarian*

Avis Frazier-Thomas, Esq.

Lisa Fung

Karlene Goller, Esq.

Sidney Greathouse, Esq.

Sonya Makunga, Esq.

Othella T. Owens, M.D., FACS

Sylvia S. Swilley, M.D.

Halle Berry  
*Jenesse Ambassador*

Karen Earl  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Donna Derden  
*Chief Operating Officer*

Rhonda Brinkley Kennedy,  
Psy.D., LMFT  
*Clinical Director of Mental Health  
Services*

Alyson Messenger  
*Managing Staff Attorney*

P.O. Box 8476  
Los Angeles, CA 90008

(323) 299-9496 Office  
(323) 299-0699 Facsimile

[www.jenesse.org](http://www.jenesse.org)

*Healing Families  
Connecting Community*

Non-profit Organization  
Tax ID# 95-3652529

May 31, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins,

On behalf of Jenesse Center, I am writing to respectfully urge you to support \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

Jenesse Center, Inc., founded in 1980, is a nationally-recognized non-profit domestic violence prevention and intervention organization. This organization works locally, nationally and globally to shine a light on violence against women, girls, men and boys and advocates the basic human right for all people to have peace in their homes and relationships. Our culturally sensitive programs and services not only transition families from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency, but transform the lives of clients and the community at large by offering education, referrals and resources that go beyond shelter. Jenesse provides housing, direct services, and outreach and prevention strategies for individuals and families experiencing domestic violence and its multicultural staff and volunteers provide a continuum of services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, survivors of this trauma face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives. Jenesse provides a comprehensive centralized base of supports and seeks to prevent and end the cycle of domestic violence through youth programming, education, public awareness and outreach initiatives, public policy and advocacy strategies and collaboration with key partners.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority and appreciate your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Karen Earl  
Chief Executive Officer

# Jenesse Center, Inc.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pat Greene  
*President*

Stephanie M. Quarles, M.D.  
*Vice-President*

Vida Spears  
*Secretary*

Marcia Haynes  
*Treasurer*

Bonnie Hill, Ed.D.  
*Parliamentarian*

Avis Frazier-Thomas, Esq.

Lisa Fung

Karlene Goller, Esq.

Sidney Greathouse, Esq.

Sonya Makunga, Esq.

Othella T. Owens, M.D., FACS

Sylvia S. Swilley, M.D.

Halle Berry  
*Jenesse Ambassador*

Karen Earl  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Donna Derden  
*Chief Operating Officer*

Rhonda Brinkley Kennedy,  
Psy.D., LMFT  
*Clinical Director of Mental Health  
Services*

Alyson Messenger  
*Managing Staff Attorney*

P.O. Box 8476  
Los Angeles, CA 90008

(323) 299-9496 Office  
(323) 299-0699 Facsimile

[www.jenesse.org](http://www.jenesse.org)

Healing Families  
Connecting Community

Non-profit Organization  
Tax ID# 95-3652529

May 31, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

Dear Speaker Rendon,

On behalf of Jenesse Center, I am writing to respectfully urge you to support \$1.5 billion state funding commitment in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to address homelessness.

Jenesse Center, Inc., founded in 1980, is a nationally-recognized non-profit domestic violence prevention and intervention organization. This organization works locally, nationally and globally to shine a light on violence against women, girls, men and boys and advocates the basic human right for all people to have peace in their homes and relationships. Our culturally sensitive programs and services not only transition families from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency, but transform the lives of clients and the community at large by offering education, referrals and resources that go beyond shelter. Jenesse provides housing, direct services, and outreach and prevention strategies for individuals and families experiencing domestic violence and its multicultural staff and volunteers provide a continuum of services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, survivors of this trauma face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives. Jenesse provides a comprehensive centralized base of supports and seeks to prevent and end the cycle of domestic violence through youth programming, education, public awareness and outreach initiatives, public policy and advocacy strategies and collaboration with key partners.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority and appreciate your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Karen Earl  
Chief Executive Officer

# LA FAMILY HOUSING

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President and CEO**  
Stephanie Klasky-Gamer

**Chair**  
Gary Meisel  
Private Investor

**Vice Chair**  
Gillian Wright  
Southern California Gas Company

**Treasurer**  
Wayne Brander  
U.S. Bank

**Secretary**  
Daniel M. Howard, CPA  
Lodgen, Lacher, Goldtch, Sardi,  
Saunders & Howard, LLP  
Michele Breslauer  
Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

**Karen Brodtkin**  
WME|IMG

**Steve M. Brown**  
Hoffman Brown Company

**Debbie Burkart**  
National Equity Fund

**Zeeda Daniele**  
New American Funding

**Deborah Kazenelson Deane**  
Syneos Health

**David Doyle**  
Bank of America

**Matthew B. Irmas**  
Irmas Charitable Foundations

**Jill Koenig**  
Community Lending &  
Property Management

**Robyn Lattaker-Johnson**  
REVOLT Media & TV

**Jacob Lipa**  
PSOMAS

**Michelle Missaghieh**  
Temple Israel of Hollywood

**Blair Rich**  
Warner Bros. Pictures

**Jonathan Ruiz**  
The Agency

**Tony Salazar**  
McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc.

**Gregg Sherkin**  
Wells Fargo

**Ross E. Winn, Esq.**  
Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro, Schulman  
& Rabkin, LLP

**Rashad Winston**  
Winston Group Realty

**Michael Ziering**  
Diagnostic Products Corp.

## LIFETIME DIRECTORS

Audrey Irmas  
Robert J. Irmas (1951-2015)  
Sydney M. Irmas (1925-1996)  
Trudy Louis (1914-2004)  
Rev. John Simmons (1917-2013)

June 6, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: PRIORITIZING HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

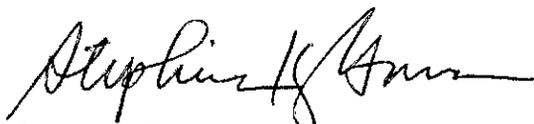
LA Family Housing seeks your support for a \$1.5 billion investment to address homelessness in the upcoming state budget.

Over the last 35 years, LA Family Housing has grown to become one of the largest providers of housing and homeless services in Los Angeles. We help people transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services, assisting more than 11,000 people annually. In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Klasky-Gamer  
President and CEO

# LA FAMILY HOUSING

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President and CEO**  
**Stephanie Klasky-Gamer**

**Chair**  
**Gary Meisel**  
Private Investor

**Vice Chair**  
**Gillian Wright**  
Southern California Gas Company

**Treasurer**  
**Wayne Brander**  
U.S. Bank

**Secretary**  
**Daniel M. Howard, CPA**  
Lodgen, Lacher, Golditch, Sardi,  
Saunders & Howard, LLP

**Michele Breslauer**  
Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

**Karen Brodtkin**  
WME|IMG

**Steve M. Brown**  
Hoffman Brown Company

**Debbie Burkart**  
National Equity Fund

**Zeeda Daniele**  
New American Funding

**Deborah Kazenelson Deane**  
Syneos Health

**David Doyle**  
Bank of America

**Matthew B. Irmas**  
Irmas Charitable Foundations

**Jill Koenig**  
Community Lending &  
Property Management

**Robyn Lattaker-Johnson**  
REVOLT Media & TV

**Jacob Lipa**  
PSOMAS

**Michelle Missaghieh**  
Temple Israel of Hollywood

**Blair Rich**  
Warner Bros. Pictures

**Jonathan Ruiz**  
The Agency

**Tony Salazar**  
McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc.

**Gregg Sherkin**  
Wells Fargo

**Ross E. Winn, Esq.**  
Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro, Schulman  
& Rabkin, LLP

**Rashad Winston**  
Winston Group Realty

**Michael Ziering**  
Diagnostic Products Corp.

## LIFETIME DIRECTORS

Audrey Irmas  
Robert J. Irmas (1951-2015)  
Sydney M. Irmas (1925-1996)  
Trudy Louis (1914-2004)  
Rev. John Simmons (1917-2013)

June 6, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: PRIORITIZING HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

LA Family Housing seeks your support for a \$1.5 billion investment to address homelessness in the upcoming state budget.

Over the last 35 years, LA Family Housing has grown to become one of the largest providers of housing and homeless services in Los Angeles. We help people transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services, assisting more than 11,000 people annually. In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Klasky-Gamer  
President and CEO



May 16, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol  
Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I write to you on behalf of the over 800 persons served today by the Los Angeles Mission, many of whom remain homeless due to lack of affordable housing, employment opportunities and many with mental and physical needs.

In our quest to end homelessness we address the over 54,000 individuals in the LACoC - one person at a time. Our model includes wrap around support services during a period of transitional housing. We engage our "students" with an empowerment agreement seeking to understand what relationships are broken in their lives and what we at the Mission or those agencies we partner with can do to help them achieve their goals of ending their homelessness and frequently addressing addiction, recidivism and underemployment.

The Mission historically has been privately funded by the good will of our LA citizens, but that largess is changing with more and more expectation that government should fund these issues. Therefore, our board has agreed to seek funding to leverage the donations we receive in hopes that we can impact even more lives. Los Angeles Mission seeks to partner with other agencies to achieve the maximum of outcomes including employment, mental and physical health, restored family and community and a sense of spiritual connection and empowerment.

We strongly support the HEAP funding model that is more flexible to meet the needs of those we serve over a predetermined expectation or specific population. Most importantly, we know housing alone is not the answer to anyone's long term success. Our recent focus of resources on permanent supportive housing is noble, but with limited resources available so many that could be helped with a fraction of those funds are left wandering the streets and coming to places like Los Angeles Mission seeking some radical help, real hope and restored opportunity.

Please do whatever you can to assure the maximum allocation of flexible funding and extended terms of use for those we serve.

Sincerely,

Herbert L. Smith  
President/CEO



May 16, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol  
Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. President,

I write to you on behalf of the over 800 persons served today by the Los Angeles Mission, many of whom remain homeless due to lack of affordable housing, employment opportunities and many with mental and physical needs.

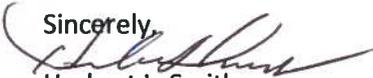
In our quest to end homelessness we address the over 54,000 individuals in the LACoC - one person at a time. Our model includes wrap around support services during a period of transitional housing. We engage our "students" with an empowerment agreement seeking to understand what relationships are broken in their lives and what we at the Mission or those agencies we partner with can do to help them achieve their goals of ending their homelessness and frequently addressing addiction, recidivism and underemployment.

The Mission historically has been privately funded by the good will of our LA citizens, but that largess is changing with more and more expectation that government should fund these issues. Therefore, our board has agreed to seek funding to leverage the donations we receive in hopes that we can impact even more lives. Los Angeles Mission seeks to partner with other agencies to achieve the maximum of outcomes including employment, mental and physical health, restored family and community and a sense of spiritual connection and empowerment.

We strongly support the HEAP funding model that is more flexible to meet the needs of those we serve over a predetermined expectation or specific population. Most importantly, we know housing alone is not the answer to anyone's long term success. Our recent focus of resources on permanent supportive housing is noble, but with limited resources available so many that could be helped with a fraction of those funds are left wandering the streets and coming to places like Los Angeles Mission seeking some radical help, real hope and restored opportunity.

Please do whatever you can to assure the maximum allocation of flexible funding and extended terms of use for those we serve.

Sincerely,

  
Herbert L. Smith  
President/CEO



## LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER

*Positive Change for People and Places*

231 E. Third Street, Suite G106, Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Tel: 213.473.3030 | Fax: 213.473.3031 | [www.LTSC.org](http://www.LTSC.org)

May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: PRIORITIZING HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Little Tokyo Service Center seeks your support for a \$1.5 billion investment to address homelessness in the upcoming state budget.

Founded in 1979 by a group of Japanese Americans activists who wanted to form a multipurpose social service center, Little Tokyo Service Center aimed to provide linguistically and culturally sensitive social services to the Little Tokyo community and the broader Japanese American community in Southern California. We provide a comprehensive array of social welfare and community development services to assist low income individuals and other persons in need, contribute to community revitalization and cultural preservation in Little Tokyo and among the broader Japanese community in the Southland, and provide resources to neighboring Asian Pacific Islander and other low income communities.

Poverty is widespread but it discriminates, imposing particular hardships on communities that are already struggling with various forms of inequality. We need the California State Legislature to boost funding for homelessness to help address these disparities.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

*Dean Matsubayashi*

Dean Matsubayashi  
Executive Director



## LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER

*Positive Change for People and Places*

231 E. Third Street, Suite G106, Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Tel: 213.473.3030 | Fax: 213.473.3031 | [www.LTSC.org](http://www.LTSC.org)

May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **SUBJECT: PRIORITIZING HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Little Tokyo Service Center seeks your support for a \$1.5 billion investment to address homelessness in the upcoming state budget.

Founded in 1979 by a group of Japanese Americans activists who wanted to form a multipurpose social service center, Little Tokyo Service Center aimed to provide linguistically and culturally sensitive social services to the Little Tokyo community and the broader Japanese American community in Southern California. We provide a comprehensive array of social welfare and community development services to assist low income individuals and other persons in need, contribute to community revitalization and cultural preservation in Little Tokyo and among the broader Japanese community in the Southland, and provide resources to neighboring Asian Pacific Islander and other low income communities.

Poverty is widespread but it discriminates, imposing particular hardships on communities that are already struggling with various forms of inequality. We need the California State Legislature to boost funding for homelessness to help address these disparities.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

*Dean Matsubayashi*

Dean Matsubayashi  
Executive Director

# MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES

3255 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 902  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010  
PHONE: 213-389-2077 | FAX: 213-389-2595  
MHAS-LA.ORG

*A nonprofit organization protecting and advancing the legal rights of people with mental disabilities*

---

May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I am writing on behalf of Mental Health Advocacy Services to request your support for \$1.5 billion to promote solutions to homelessness.

Mental Health Advocacy Services is a private, non-profit organization established in 1977 to provide free legal services to people with mental disabilities. Our organization assists both children and adults, with an emphasis on obtaining government benefits and services, protecting rights, and fighting discrimination. Our role in assisting low-income people with various legal needs puts us in regular contact with those on the brink of homelessness and others who have already lost their homes. Sacramento must devote more resources to the state's worsening crisis of homelessness.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Jenny Farrell  
Executive Director  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES

# MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES

3255 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 902  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010  
PHONE: 213-389-2077 | FAX: 213-389-2595  
MHAS-LA.ORG

*A nonprofit organization protecting and advancing the legal rights of people with mental disabilities*

---

May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

I am writing on behalf of Mental Health Advocacy Services to request your support for \$1.5 billion to promote solutions to homelessness.

Mental Health Advocacy Services is a private, non-profit organization established in 1977 to provide free legal services to people with mental disabilities. Our organization assists both children and adults, with an emphasis on obtaining government benefits and services, protecting rights, and fighting discrimination. Our role in assisting low-income people with various legal needs puts us in regular contact with those on the brink of homelessness and others who have already lost their homes. Sacramento must devote more resources to the state's worsening crisis of homelessness.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Jenny Farrell  
Executive Director  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES



May 30 2019

Board of Directors

Co-Presidents  
Scott Walker  
Founder  
Credit West, LLC

David Jarrett  
Entrepreneur

Secretary  
Gregory Butler  
CEO  
WorldWideBrand

Treasurer  
N. Dexter Williams  
Senior Vice President  
Capital Group Companies

Directors  
Kevin Beggs  
Chairman  
Lionsgate Television Group  
Lionsgate

Joanie Berkley  
Owner  
Berkley Design

Ann Develin Blanchard  
Agent  
CAA

Rod Barr  
Writer

Lylle Breier  
Senior VP, Global Marketing Partnerships  
and Strategic Alliances, Promotions,  
Synergy and Special Events  
Walt Disney Studios

Sylvia Chivarananond  
Consultant

Jay Paires  
President & CEO  
Band of Outsiders

Chuck Freadhoff  
Writer

Cheryl Hayward  
Community Member

Angela Helton  
Philanthropist

Liz Levitt Hirsch  
President  
Levitt Foundation

Danielle Levinson  
Philanthropist

Tom Lloyd  
Investment Analyst  
International Research, Inc.

Rob Long  
Writer/Producer

Kathy Mandato  
Human Resources Executive

Toni Morgan  
Executive Vice President  
Techeva

Michael Oates Palmer  
Writer

Philip Segal  
Executive Producer

Mimi Won Techentin  
Writer

Ivan Tether  
Attorney  
Tether Law

Executive Director  
Heather Carmichael, J.CSW

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I am writing on behalf of My Friend's Place to request your support for \$1.5 billion to promote solutions to homelessness.

My Friend's Place assists and inspires homeless youth to build self-sufficient lives. Founded 31 years ago, My Friend's Place continues to meet the needs of thousands of youth who turn to us for support, guidance, and aid in an effort prevent and end youth homelessness. The risks and hardships that young people face while experiencing homelessness are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for youth and young adults so to not only prevent the next generation of chronically homeless adults but to set these young people up for stability and success, and to become contributing Californians.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to effectively prevent and end homelessness for our state's community members. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Heather Carmichael  
Executive Director



May 30 2019

Board of Directors

Co-Presidents

Scott Walker  
Founder  
Credit West, LLC

David Jarrett  
Entrepreneur

Secretary

Gregory Butler  
CEO  
WorldWideBrand

Treasurer

N. Dexter Williams  
Senior Vice President  
Capital Group Companies

Directors

Kevin Beggs  
Chairman  
Lionsgate Television Group  
Lionsgate

Joanie Berkley  
Owner  
Berkley Design

Ann Develin Blanchard  
Agent  
CAA

Rob Barr  
Writer

Lyle Breier  
Senior VP, Global Marketing Partnerships  
and Strategic Alliances, Promotions,  
Synergy and Special Events  
Walt Disney Studios

Sylvia Chivaranond  
Consultant

Jay Paires  
President & CEO  
Band of Outsiders

Chuck Freadhoff  
Writer

Cheryl Hayward  
Community Member

Angela Hilton  
Philanthropist

Liz Levitt Hirsch  
President  
Levitt Foundation

Danielle Levinson  
Philanthropist

Tom Lloyd  
Investment Analyst  
International Research, Inc.

Rob Long  
Writer/Producer

Kathy Mandato  
Human Resources Executive

Toni Morgan  
Executive Vice President  
Tebera

Michael Oates Palmer  
Writer

Philip Segal  
Executive Producer

Mimi Won Techtentim  
Writer

Ivan Tether  
Attorney  
Tether Law

Executive Director

Heather Carmichael, LCSW

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

I am writing on behalf of My Friend's Place to request your support for \$1.5 billion to promote solutions to homelessness.

My Friend's Place assists and inspires homeless youth to build self-sufficient lives. Founded 31 years ago, My Friend's Place continues to meet the needs of thousands of youth who turn to us for support, guidance, and aid in an effort prevent and end youth homelessness. The risks and hardships that young people face while experiencing homelessness are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for youth and young adults so to not only prevent the next generation of chronically homeless adults but to set these young people up for stability and success, and to become contributing Californians.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to effectively prevent and end homelessness for our state's community members. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Heather Carmichael  
Executive Director



May 30, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Senator Atkins:

I am writing on behalf of the National Health Foundation to request your support for \$1.5 billion to promote solutions to homelessness.

National Health Foundation's mission is to improve the health of individuals and under-resourced communities by taking action on the social determinants of health. Our vision is that all people, regardless of who they are or where they live, can achieve their highest level of health. As we know from guest and clients at our recuperative care/medical respite sites across Southern California, a significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet emotional, behavioral, and psychological needs. We need the California State Legislature to play a larger role in funding the type of housing and supportive services that can bring this population off the streets.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wade Trimmer".

Wade Trimmer  
Executive Director, Housing & Homeless Services



May 30, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I am writing on behalf of the National Health Foundation to request your support for \$1.5 billion to promote solutions to homelessness.

National Health Foundation's mission is to improve the health of individuals and under-resourced communities by taking action on the social determinants of health. Our vision is that all people, regardless of who they are or where they live, can achieve their highest level of health. As we know from guest and clients at our recuperative care/medical respite sites across Southern California, a significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet emotional, behavioral, and psychological needs. We need the California State Legislature to play a larger role in funding the type of housing and supportive services that can bring this population off the streets.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wade Trimmer".

Wade Trimmer  
Executive Director, Housing & Homeless Services

May 23, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol  
Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814



340 North Madison Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90004  
Tel. (323) 644-2200  
Fax (323) 297-1942  
[www.epath.org](http://www.epath.org)

Re: State Budget – Homelessness

Dear Speaker Rendon,

On behalf of PATH, I am writing to urge the California State Legislature to prioritize efforts to address homelessness during budget negotiations.

With nearly 130,000 people experiencing homelessness in California, we face a humanitarian crisis in need of increased attention and investment from our state. In 2018, PATH served approximately 10 percent of the homeless population in California. We witness the devastation of unaffordable rents, limited supply of supportive housing, and lack of access to needed resources in communities throughout the state and in each individual, family, and Veteran we serve.

We were encouraged by the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) in 2018. The HEAP investment has and will positively impact the communities we serve in San Jose, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and San Diego. However, we believe the state can make a more significant impact with increased investment, greater flexibility, and an extended timeline for communities to effectively invest the dollars in capital improvements.

In response to Governor Newsom's budget request to continue a similar homelessness block grant at \$500 million, we respectfully urge you to increase the investment to at least a \$1.5 billion in the 2019-2020 budget. Increased funds are essential as providers and communities throughout the state work to serve nearly 130,000 people experiencing homelessness and to prevent people from falling into homelessness.

In addition, due to our presence in communities throughout the state, we see the need for flexible funding as state resources need to fill different gaps and priorities depending on the local jurisdiction. For example, our partners in San Jose experience gaps in program funding that are different from our partners in Los Angeles. Similarly, we understand that our partners in Santa Barbara have priorities that may differ from our partners in San Diego. Understanding the need for flexible use will allow for effective implementation that is responsive to the unique regional needs throughout the state.

We also recognize that HEAP's requirement to obligate half of the money by 2020 and all of it by June 30, 2021 limited its use in capital investments like supportive housing - especially for communities without existing resources for capital improvements and creation. Therefore, we urge you to consider a longer expenditure timeline that will allow for more communities to utilize the funds for capital improvements that take more time to build.

We greatly appreciate your leadership as the state responds to California's homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hark Dietz".

Jennifer Hark Dietz  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director, PATH

May 23, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol  
Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814



340 North Madison Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90004  
Tel. (323) 644-2200  
Fax (323) 297-1942  
www.epath.org

Re: State Budget – Homelessness

Dear Senator Atkins,

On behalf of PATH, I am writing to urge the California State Legislature to prioritize efforts to address homelessness during budget negotiations.

With nearly 130,000 people experiencing homelessness in California, we face a humanitarian crisis in need of increased attention and investment from our state. In 2018, PATH served approximately 10 percent of the homeless population in California. We witness the devastation of unaffordable rents, limited supply of supportive housing, and lack of access to needed resources in communities throughout the state and in each individual, family, and Veteran we serve.

We were encouraged by the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) in 2018. The HEAP investment has and will positively impact the communities we serve in San Jose, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and San Diego. However, we believe the state can make a more significant impact with increased investment, greater flexibility, and an extended timeline for communities to effectively invest the dollars in capital improvements.

In response to Governor Newsom's budget request to continue a similar homelessness block grant at \$500 million, we respectfully urge you to increase the investment to at least a \$1.5 billion in the 2019-2020 budget. Increased funds are essential as providers and communities throughout the state work to serve nearly 130,000 people experiencing homelessness and to prevent people from falling into homelessness.

In addition, due to our presence in communities throughout the state, we see the need for flexible funding as state resources need to fill different gaps and priorities depending on the local jurisdiction. For example, our partners in San Jose experience gaps in program funding that are different from our partners in Los Angeles. Similarly, we understand that our partners in Santa Barbara have priorities that may differ from our partners in San Diego. Understanding the need for flexible use will allow for effective implementation that is responsive to the unique regional needs throughout the state.

We also recognize that HEAP's requirement to obligate half of the money by 2020 and all of it by June 30, 2021 limited its use in capital investments like supportive housing - especially for communities without existing resources for capital improvements and creation. Therefore, we urge you to consider a longer expenditure timeline that will allow for more communities to utilize the funds for capital improvements that take more time to build.

We greatly appreciate your leadership as the state responds to California's homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Dietz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jennifer Hark Dietz  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director, PATH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TANYA M. ACKER  
Progress LLP  
ANGELA C. AGRUSA  
DLA Piper LLP  
LAURA M. AHART  
Abacus Credit Counseling  
RAND S. APRIL  
Stadens, Apts. State, Meagher & Flom LLP (Ret.)  
JENNIFER S. BALDOCCHI  
Paul Hastings LLP  
WAYNE M. BARSKY\*  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP  
JAMIE BRODIE\*  
Paul Hastings LLP (Ret.)  
DR. YING CHEN  
Chen Yoshimura LLP  
VINCENT H. CHIEFFO  
Greenberg Traurig LLP  
ROSEMARIE CHIUSANO-DROHAN  
Judicate West  
ALLISON K. CHOCK  
Bentham IMF  
MORGAN CHU  
Irell & Manella LLP  
ALFRED M. CLARK  
Locke Lord LLP  
DANIEL CLIVNER\*  
Sidley Austin LLP  
CORY COPELAND  
LexisNexis  
BRUCE CORMICLE  
Law Offices of Bruce Cormicle  
BERT H. DEKLER  
Kendall Brill & Kelly LLP  
MICHAEL J. FINNEGAN  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
WILLIAM FLUMENBAUM  
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.  
LAURENCE R. GOLDMAN  
The Reape-Rickett Law Firm  
KARLENE GOLLER\*  
The Law Offices of Karlene Goller PC  
DANIEL GRUNFELD  
MARK E. HADDAD  
Sidley Austin LLP (Ret.)  
JACQUELINE J. HARDING  
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP  
YAKUB HAZARD  
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP  
MATTHEW T. HEARTNEY\*  
Arnold & Porter  
CHRISTOPHER M. HOPKINS  
Brenner International Group, LLC  
KATHY I. HUANG  
Alston & Bird LLP  
MELISSA D. INGALLS  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
DAVID G. JOHNSON\*  
Act 4 Entertainment  
PETER J. KENNEDY  
Reed Smith LLP  
MOE KESHAVARZI  
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP  
JESSIE A. KOHLER  
Panish Shea & Boyle LLP  
TONY LEE  
Dickerson Insurance Services  
JEROME L. LEVINE  
Holland & Knight LLP  
DAVID R. LIRA  
Ginnili Keese  
BARBARA E. MATHEWS  
Southern California Edison  
SHARON MAYER  
Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim,  
Chenoi, Litzenberg & Rhau, P.C.  
JOHN M. MCCOY  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox  
MARK R. MCDONALD  
Morrison & Foerster LLP  
MARCELUS A. MCRAE  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP  
MARTIN R. MELONE  
OWEN W. MURRAY  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
STEVEN A. NISSEN  
NBCUniversal  
THOMAS J. NOLAN  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
NEIL R. O'HANLON  
Law Office of Neil R. O'Hanlon  
LAURA R. PETROFF  
Winston & Strawn LLP  
STACY D. PHILLIPS  
Blank Rome LLP  
STEPHEN E. PICKETT  
Southern California Edison (Ret.)  
BARRY PORTER  
Clarity Partners  
WILLIAM T. QUICKSILVER  
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP  
PHILIP R. RECHT  
Mayer Brown LLP  
FRANK REDDICK  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
KEVIN D. RISING  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
GREG ROBINS  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
JOHN A. ROGOVIN  
Winters Bros. Entertainment  
ALEXANDRA A. ROJE  
Lathrop Gage LLP  
RICK R. ROTHMAN  
Morgan, Louss & Backus LLP  
MARC L. SALLUS  
Oldman, Cooley, Sallus,  
Birnberg & Coleman, L.L.P.  
MARK A. SAMUELS  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
ROBERT F. SCOUJAR\*  
Dentons US LLP  
STUART N. SENATOR  
Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP  
ROMAN M. SILBERFELD\*  
Robins Kaplan LLP  
MICHAEL S. SPINDLER  
GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group LLC  
DEBORAH L. STEIN  
Simpson Thacher & Barrett LLP  
JOSH FREEMAN STINN\*  
Loeb & Loeb LLP  
BRIAN R. STRANGE\*  
Strange & Butler LLP  
G. THOMAS STROMBERG  
Jenner & Block  
RANDALL J. SUNSHINE  
Liner LLP (Ret.)  
PAUL W. SWEENEY, JR.\*  
KSH Gates LLP  
GAIL MIGDAL TITLE\*  
ADR Services, Inc.  
JOEL R. WEINER  
Kottler Muchin Rosenman LLP  
ROBERT S. WOLFE  
JARED M. WOLFF  
City National Bank  
LAURA A. WYTSMA  
Loeb & Loeb LLP  
MARTIN S. ZOHN\*  
Proskauer

\*Past Chairperson



The nation's largest pro bono law firm

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD  
MICHAEL H. STEINBERG  
Chairperson  
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP  
PHILIP E. COOK  
Vice Chairperson  
The Cook Law Firm, P.C.  
JONATHAN H. ANSCHELL  
Treasurer  
CBS Television  
KAREN N. FREDERIKSEN  
Secretary  
The Walt Disney Company  
MARGARET M. MORROW  
President and CEO  
ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN  
Chief Operating Officer, Vice President  
and General Counsel  
TRACY K. RICE  
Vice President, Development  
FREDERICK M. NICHOLAS  
Founder

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of Public Counsel, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

Public Counsel is the nation's largest public interest law firm, specializing in the delivery of pro bono legal services, and the Southern California affiliate of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Public Counsel delivers free legal services to low-income and underrepresented children, adults and families, and ensures that other community-based organizations serving this population have legal and capacity building support. Public Counsel's staff and its hundreds of pro bono volunteers provide critical assistance to over 16,000 children, youth, families, and community organizations every year. Our role in assisting low-income people with various legal needs puts us in regular contact with those on the brink of homelessness and others who have already lost their homes. Sacramento must devote more resources to the state's worsening crisis of homelessness.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address these needs. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Governor Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Morrow  
President and CEO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TANYA M. ACKER  
Progress LLP  
ANGELA C. AGRUSA  
DLA Piper LLP  
LAURA M. AHART  
Abacus Credit Counseling  
RAND S. APRIL\*  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (Ret.)  
JENNIFER S. BALDOCCHI  
Paul Hastings LLP  
WAYNE M. BARSKY\*  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP  
JAMIE BRODER\*  
Paul Hastings LLP (Ret.)  
DR. YING CHEN  
Chen Yoshimura LLP  
VINCENT H. CHIEFFO  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP  
ROSEMARIE CHIUSANO-DROHAN  
Judicate West  
ALLISON K. CHOCK  
Bentham IMF  
MORGAN CHU  
Irel & Manella LLP  
ALFRED M. CLARK  
Locke Lord LLP  
DANIEL CLIVNER\*  
Sidley Austin LLP  
CORY COPELAND  
LexisNexis  
BRUCE CORMICLE  
Law Offices of Bruce Cormicle  
BERT H. DEIXLER  
Kendall Brill & Kelly LLP  
MICHAEL J. FINNEGAN  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
WILLIAM FLUMENBAUM  
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.  
LAURENCE R. GOLDMAN  
The Reape Rickett Law Firm  
KARLENE GOLLER\*  
The Law Office of Karlene Goller PC  
DANIEL GRUNFELD  
MARIE HADDAD  
Sidley Austin LLP (Ret.)  
JACQUELINE J. HARDING  
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP  
YAKUB HAZARD  
Mitchell Silberberg & Knapp LLP  
MATTHEW T. HEARTNEY\*  
Arnold & Porter  
CHRISTOPHER M. HOPKINS  
Brenner International Group, LLC  
KATHY T. HUANG  
Alston & Bird LLP  
MELISSA D. INGALLS  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
DAVID G. JOHNSON\*  
Act 4 Entertainment  
PETER J. KENNEDY  
Reed Smith LLP  
MOE KESHAVARZI  
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP  
JESSIE A. KOHLER  
Panish Shea & Boyle LLP  
TONY LEE  
Dickerson Insurance Services  
JEROME L. LEVINE  
Mitchell Silberberg & Knapp LLP  
DAVID R. LIRA  
Girard & Keese  
BARBARA E. MATHEWS  
Southern California Edison  
SHARON MAYER  
Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim,  
Drooks, Lincenberg & Rhou, P.C.  
JOHN M. MCCOY  
21 Century Fox  
MARK R. McDONALD  
Morrison & Foerster LLP  
MARCELLUS A. MCRAE  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP  
MARTIN R. MELONE  
OWEN W. MURRAY  
PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP  
STEVEN A. NISSEN  
NBCUniversal  
THOMAS J. NOLAN  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
NEIL R. O'HANLON  
Law Office of Neil R. O'Hanlon  
LAURA R. PETROFF  
Winston & Strawn LLP  
STACY D. PHILLIPS  
Blank Rome LLP  
STEPHEN E. PICKETT  
Southern California Edison (Ret.)  
BARRY PORTER  
Clarity Partners  
WILLIAM T. QUICKSILVER  
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP  
PHILIP R. RECHT  
Mayer Brown LLP  
FRANK REDDICK  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
KEVIN D. RISING  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
GREG ROBINS  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
JOHN A. ROGOVIN  
Warner Bros. Entertainment  
ALEXANDRA A. ROJE  
Lathrop Gage LLP  
RICK R. ROTHMAN  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP  
MARC L. SALLUS  
Oldman, Cooley, Saltus,  
Birnberg & Coleman, L.L.P.  
MARK A. SAMUELS  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
ROBERT F. SCOUALAR\*  
Dentons US LLP  
STUART N. SENATOR  
Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP  
ROMAN M. SILBERFELD\*  
Robins Kaplan LLP  
MICHAEL S. SPINDLER  
GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group LLC  
DEBORAH L. STEIN  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP  
JOSH FREEMAN STINN\*  
Loeb & Loeb LLP  
BRIAN R. STRANGE\*  
Strange & Butler LLP  
G. THOMAS STROMBERG  
Jenner & Block  
RANDALL J. SUNSHINE  
Liner LLP (Ret.)  
PAUL W. SWEENEY, JR.\*  
KSP, Gates LLP  
GAIL MGDAL TITLE\*  
ADR Services, Inc.  
JOEL R. WEINER  
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
ROBERT S. WOLFE  
JARED M. WOLFF  
City National Bank  
LAURA A. WYTSMA  
Loeb & Loeb LLP  
MARTIN S. ZOHN\*  
Proskauer



The nation's largest pro bono law firm

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD  
MICHAEL H. STEINBERG  
Chairperson  
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP  
PHILIP E. COOK  
Vice Chairperson  
The Cook Law Firm, P.C.  
JONATHAN H. ANSHELL  
Treasurer  
CBS Television  
KAREN N. FREDERIKSEN  
Secretary  
The Walt Disney Company  
MARGARET M. MORROW  
President and CEO  
ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN  
Chief Operating Officer, Vice President  
and General Counsel  
TRACY K. RICE  
Vice President, Development  
FREDERICK M. NICHOLAS  
Founder

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of Public Counsel, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

Public Counsel is the nation's largest public interest law firm, specializing in the delivery of pro bono legal services, and the Southern California affiliate of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Public Counsel delivers free legal services to low-income and underrepresented children, adults and families, and ensures that other community-based organizations serving this population have legal and capacity building support. Public Counsel's staff and its hundreds of pro bono volunteers provide critical assistance to over 16,000 children, youth, families, and community organizations every year. Our role in assisting low-income people with various legal needs puts us in regular contact with those on the brink of homelessness and others who have already lost their homes. Sacramento must devote more resources to the state's worsening crisis of homelessness.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address these needs. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Governor Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Morrow  
President and CEO

\*Past Chairperson



**RAINBOW**  
SERVICES

Providing help & hope.

May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of Rainbow Services, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

Rainbow Services provides shelter and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence, empowering them to move beyond trauma, towards safety & stability. Through shelter and community-based case management, counseling, support groups, legal services, housing advocacy, and services to children, Rainbow worked with 590 adult survivors last year to prevent homelessness and end the cycle of domestic violence. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, survivors of this trauma face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Eastlund  
Executive Director

453 West 7th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

310.548.5450 p 310.548.0611 f



May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of Rainbow Services, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

Rainbow Services provides shelter and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence, empowering them to move beyond trauma, towards safety & stability. Through shelter and community-based case management, counseling, support groups, legal services, housing advocacy, and services to children, Rainbow worked with 590 adult survivors last year to prevent homelessness and end the cycle of domestic violence. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, survivors of this trauma face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Eastlund  
Executive Director



1317 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90021  
213.683.0522 Tel  
213.683.0781 Fax  
skidrow.org

June 11, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Board of Directors**

Patrick Spillane  
Chair  
*IDS Real Estate Group*

Jennifer Caspar  
Vice Chair

Jennifer Christian-Herman, PhD  
Secretary  
*Kaiser Permanente*

Simon Ha  
Treasurer  
*Steinberg Hart*

Nancy Goldblum Geller  
*Mattel, Inc*

Paul Gregerson, MD  
*JWCH Institute, Inc*

Cheryl Hayward

Rex Jones  
*Wells Fargo*

Max Kolomeyer  
*City National Bank*

Dan Mahoney  
*Pacific Empire Builders*

Martice Mills  
*The Capital Corps*

Diana Skidmore  
*Crain & Associates*

Danielle Wildkress  
*Brilliant Corners*

Lee Raagas  
Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

I am writing on behalf of the Skid Row Housing Trust to request greater investment in proven solutions to assist homeless people in our state.

The Skid Row Housing Trust provides permanent supportive housing so that people who have experienced homelessness, prolonged extreme poverty, poor health, disabilities, mental illness and/or addiction can lead safe, stable lives in wellness. In total, we provide permanent housing and support to more than 1,800 formerly homeless and vulnerable men and women. A significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet medical, behavioral, and psychological needs. We need Sacramento to play a larger role in funding the type of housing and supportive services that can bring this population off the streets.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monique Davis".

Monique Davis  
Chief Community Officer



June 11, 2019

1317 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90021  
213.683.0522 Tel  
213.683.0781 Fax  
skidrow.org

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Board of Directors**

Patrick Spillane  
Chair  
*IDS Real Estate Group*

Jennifer Caspar  
Vice Chair

Jennifer Christian-Herman, PhD  
Secretary  
*Kaiser Permanente*

Simon Ha  
Treasurer  
*Steinberg Hart*

Nancy Goldblum Geller  
*Mattel, Inc*

Paul Gregerson, MD  
*JWCH Institute, Inc.*

Cheryl Hayward

Rex Jones  
*Wells Fargo*

Max Kolomeyer  
*City National Bank*

Dan Mahoney  
*Pacific Empire Builders*

Martice Mills  
*The Capital Corps*

Diana Skidmore  
*Crain & Associates*

Danielle Wildkress  
*Brilliant Corners*

Lee Raagas  
Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I am writing on behalf of the Skid Row Housing Trust to request greater investment in proven solutions to assist homeless people in our state.

The Skid Row Housing Trust provides permanent supportive housing so that people who have experienced homelessness, prolonged extreme poverty, poor health, disabilities, mental illness and/or addiction can lead safe, stable lives in wellness. In total, we provide permanent housing and support to more than 1,800 formerly homeless and vulnerable men and women. A significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet medical, behavioral, and psychological needs. We need Sacramento to play a larger role in funding the type of housing and supportive services that can bring this population off the streets.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monique Davis".

Monique Davis  
Chief Community Officer



safe place for youth

May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of Safe Place for Youth, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

Safe Place for Youth was founded in 2011 by a group of dedicated volunteers who offered hot food, clothing and socks to homeless youth in Venice Beach from their cars. Since those humble beginnings, we've grown to a professional staff of 55 employees and have multiplied our services, expanded our programming, and strengthened our partnerships. Our mission is to inspire, nurture and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time. The risks and hardships that homeless young people face on the streets are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for this group.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

Alison Hurst  
Founding Executive Director



May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of Safe Place for Youth, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

Safe Place for Youth was founded in 2011 by a group of dedicated volunteers who offered hot food, clothing and socks to homeless youth in Venice Beach from their cars. Since those humble beginnings, we've grown to a professional staff of 55 employees and have multiplied our services, expanded our programming, and strengthened our partnerships. Our mission is to inspire, nurture and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time. The risks and hardships that homeless young people face on the streets are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for this group.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Hurst', written in a cursive style.

Alison Hurst  
Founding Executive Director



# SRO HOUSING CORPORATION

May 30, 2019

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WESTLEY SHOLES  
Chair

ALTON L. WRIGHT  
Vice Chair

ANDREA JACKSON  
Secretary

ROBERT PRATT

KATHY NORRIS

JUNE PARK

CHRIS ZAMOR

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ANITA U. NELSON

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I am writing on behalf of SRO Housing Corporation to request greater investment in proven solutions to assist homeless people in our state.

SRO Housing Corporation is a non-profit, community-based organization, dedicated to building a vibrant community for homeless and low-income individuals. We pursue our mission of community revitalization by providing clean, safe, and affordable housing; managing public spaces; and administering needed supportive services. More than 2,300 formerly homeless and low-income men and women are housed in our short-term/emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing sites. A significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet medical, behavioral, and psychological needs. We need Sacramento to play a larger role in funding the type of housing and supportive services that can bring this population off the streets.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. SRO Housing Corporation stands with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Anita Nelson  
Chief Executive Officer

1055 W. 7th St., Suite 3250  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
TEL - (213) 229-9640 FAX - (213) 229-9677

*Opening Doors and Transforming Lives . . .*



# SRO HOUSING CORPORATION

May 30, 2019

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WESTLEY SHOLES  
Chair

ALTON L. WRIGHT  
Vice Chair

ANDREA JACKSON  
Secretary

ROBERT PRATT

KATHY NORRIS

JUNE PARK

CHRIS ZAMOR

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ANITA U. NELSON

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

I am writing on behalf of SRO Housing Corporation to request greater investment in proven solutions to assist homeless people in our state.

SRO Housing Corporation is a non-profit, community-based organization, dedicated to building a vibrant community for homeless and low-income individuals. We pursue our mission of community revitalization by providing clean, safe, and affordable housing; managing public spaces; and administering needed supportive services. More than 2,300 formerly homeless and low-income men and women are housed in our short-term/emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing sites. A significant share of people experiencing homelessness struggle with chronic health conditions and unmet medical, behavioral, and psychological needs. We need Sacramento to play a larger role in funding the type of housing and supportive services that can bring this population off the streets.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. SRO Housing Corporation stands with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Anita Nelson  
Chief Executive Officer

1055 W. 7th St., Suite 3250  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
TEL - (213) 229-9640 FAX - (213) 229-9677

*Opening Doors and Transforming Lives . . .*



May 29, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of St. Joseph Center, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

St. Joseph Center was founded by two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in a small storefront on Rose Avenue in 1976. From these beginnings, we have grown into a multifaceted social service organization that now reaches more than 10,000 men, women, and children annually. Our mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community. In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D.  
President & CEO

ST. JOSEPH CENTER  
204 Hampton Drive  
Venice, CA 90291-8633

t 310-396-6468  
f 310-392-8402

tax id 95-3874381

stjosephctr.org



May 29, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: \$1.5 BILLION NEEDED TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of St. Joseph Center, I am writing to request your support for a higher funding allocation to address California's homelessness crisis.

St. Joseph Center was founded by two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in a small storefront on Rose Avenue in 1976. From these beginnings, we have grown into a multifaceted social service organization that now reaches more than 10,000 men, women, and children annually. Our mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community. In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D.  
President & CEO

ST. JOSEPH CENTER

204 Hampton Drive  
Venice, CA 90291-8633

t 310-396-6468  
f 310-392-8402

tax id 95-3874381

stjosephctr.org



May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence is a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to the philosophy that every individual has the right to live free from violence or the threat of violence. Our Mission is to empower individuals and families to live free from domestic abuse and build partnerships with communities to end domestic violence. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, survivors of this trauma face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

Anna Conti  
Executive Director



May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence is a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to the philosophy that every individual has the right to live free from violence or the threat of violence. Our Mission is to empower individuals and families to live free from domestic abuse and build partnerships with communities to end domestic violence. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness yet a significantly underfunded issue in Sacramento. Once unhoused and forced onto the streets, survivors of this trauma face even greater risks if they cannot find a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives.

In last year's budget, the State Legislature took an important step by creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program has helped local governments and Continuums of Care expand their responses to homelessness. In his May budget revision, Gov. Newsom has recommended a \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We welcome these funding commitments, but recognize that more must be done if California hopes to solve its homelessness crisis. State funding should be increased while maintaining enough flexibility to support the particular needs of each community.

Without a greater prioritization of homelessness in the upcoming budget, more people will fall into homelessness and those already on the streets will have to struggle longer to get back on their feet. We ask for your help in expanding the State Legislature's commitment to this critical priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna Conti", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Anna Conti  
Executive Director



May 30 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. The Teen Project requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

The Teen Project is a nonprofit 501c3 serving at risk homeless and sex trafficked young women (18-25 years old) many from foster care. We are able to provide drug treatment at no cost to the recipient through the support of County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), private donors, and other funding sources. The Teen Project is a parent to the parentless providing young women without resources with a chance at life. Our focus is sobriety, education and housing. The risks and hardships that homeless young people face on the streets are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for this group.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Lauri Burns  
Executive Director



May 30 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. The Teen Project requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

The Teen Project is a nonprofit 501c3 serving at risk homeless and sex trafficked young women (18-25 years old) many from foster care. We are able to provide drug treatment at no cost to the recipient through the support of County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), private donors, and other funding sources. The Teen Project is a parent to the parentless providing young women without resources with a chance at life. Our focus is sobriety, education and housing. The risks and hardships that homeless young people face on the streets are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for this group.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Lauri Burns  
Executive Director



## THEPEOPLECONCERN

Because everyone should be housed, healthy and safe.  
OPCC & LAMP COMMUNITY UNITED

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### SUBJECT: **ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. The People Concern requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

One of Los Angeles County's largest social services agencies, The People Concern was formed in 2016 in a merger of two trusted social service organizations based in Los Angeles County, OPCC and Lamp Community. Informed by more than fifty years of work in the community, The People Concern is a leading provider of, and advocate for, evidence-based solutions to the multi-faceted challenges inherent in homelessness and domestic violence. With compassion and profound respect for those we serve, we provide a fully integrated system of care – including outreach, interim housing, mental and medical health care, substance abuse services, domestic violence services, life-skills and wellness programs, and permanent supportive housing.

In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



John Maceri  
Chief Executive Officer



## THEPEOPLECONCERN

Because everyone should be housed, healthy and safe.  
OPCC & LAMP COMMUNITY UNITED

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. The People Concern requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

One of Los Angeles County's largest social services agencies, The People Concern was formed in 2016 in a merger of two trusted social service organizations based in Los Angeles County, OPCC and Lamp Community. Informed by more than fifty years of work in the community, The People Concern is a leading provider of, and advocate for, evidence-based solutions to the multi-faceted challenges inherent in homelessness and domestic violence. With compassion and profound respect for those we serve, we provide a fully integrated system of care – including outreach, interim housing, mental and medical health care, substance abuse services, domestic violence services, life-skills and wellness programs, and permanent supportive housing.

In 2016 and 2017, we advocated for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. However, individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



John Maceri  
Chief Executive Officer

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814



HOUSING + EMPLOYMENT + LIFE SKILLS

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. Union Station Homeless Services requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

For more than 45 years, Union Station Homeless Services has helped adults and families facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty in our community. We offer comprehensive outreach, shelter, housing, and employment services to help adults and families find housing and stay housed for good. Based on many years of working on the issue of homelessness, we now sense that the crisis in our state is worsening. We urge the California State Legislature to allocate more resources.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Miskey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

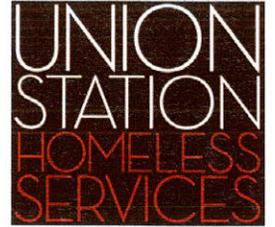
Anne Miskey  
Chief Executive Officer

**HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND END HOMELESSNESS**

825 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91104 P 626.240.4550 F 626.798.1640 [www.unionstationhs.org](http://www.unionstationhs.org)

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814



HOUSING + EMPLOYMENT + LIFE SKILLS

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. Union Station Homeless Services requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

For more than 45 years, Union Station Homeless Services has helped adults and families facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty in our community. We offer comprehensive outreach, shelter, housing, and employment services to help adults and families find housing and stay housed for good. Based on many years of working on the issue of homelessness, we now sense that the crisis in our state is worsening. We urge the California State Legislature to allocate more resources.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Miskey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anne Miskey  
Chief Executive Officer

**HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND END HOMELESSNESS**

825 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91104 P 626.240.4550 F 626.798.1640 [www.unionstationhs.org](http://www.unionstationhs.org)



May 30 2019

Board of Directors

Ysette Witteveen  
President

Tracy Edwards  
Treasurer

Andrew Weissman  
Secretary

Kim Defenderfer  
Rev. Patricia Farris  
Ray Hofmeister  
Ryan A. Leggio

Glenda Martinez  
Cindy Maroun  
Cindy McQuade, LCSW

Renee Ordeneaux, CPA  
Booker Pearson  
Kimberly Roberts  
Jane Spiegel, MD  
Jamie Tierney  
Albert P. Vera  
Kitty Wallace  
Russ Whittenburg  
Tom Wilson

Executive Director  
Christine Mirasy- Glasco

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. Upward Bound House requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

Upward Bound House was founded in 1991 with the mission of eliminating homelessness among families with children in Los Angeles by providing housing, supportive services, and advocacy. We strive to reduce the number of homeless families with minor children who are hungry and living on the streets of Los Angeles, by helping them access basic resources and successfully transition into their own homes with the capacity to remain there permanently. Families face incredible pressures when they fall into homelessness, often resorting to splitting up children among friends and relatives, or attempting to stay together in vehicles and other makeshift arrangements. We urge greater action from the California State Legislature to address these needs.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

Christine Mirasy-Glasco  
Executive Director



May 30 2019

Board of Directors

Ysette Witteveen  
President

Tracy Edwards  
Treasurer

Andrew Weissman  
Secretary

Kim Defenderfer  
Rev. Patricia Farris  
Ray Hofmeister  
Ryan A. Leggio

Glenda Martinez  
Cindy Maroun  
Cindy McQuade, LCSW

Renee Ordeneaux, CPA  
Booker Pearson  
Kimberly Roberts  
Jane Spiegel, MD  
Jamie Tierney  
Albert P. Vera  
Kitty Wallace  
Russ Whittenburg  
Tom Wilson

Executive Director  
Christine Mirasy- Glasco

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATING \$1.5 BILLION TOWARD HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Homelessness is a growing crisis in our state. Upward Bound House requests your help in increasing the homelessness budget in the 2019-2020 budget.

Upward Bound House was founded in 1991 with the mission of eliminating homelessness among families with children in Los Angeles by providing housing, supportive services, and advocacy. We strive to reduce the number of homeless families with minor children who are hungry and living on the streets of Los Angeles, by helping them access basic resources and successfully transition into their own homes with the capacity to remain there permanently. Families face incredible pressures when they fall into homelessness, often resorting to splitting up children among friends and relatives, or attempting to stay together in vehicles and other makeshift arrangements. We urge greater action from the California State Legislature to address these needs.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California’s homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,

Christine Mirasy-Glasco  
Executive Director



the **village**  
family services

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 30, 2019

OFFICERS

**William Cook**

President  
Wellpoint, Inc.  
(Retired)

**Honorable Diego Edber**

Secretary  
Los Angeles Superior Court

**Yvonne Green, CPA**

Treasurer  
WWSA

MEMBERS

**Erika Endrijonas, PhD**

Pasadena City College

**Sal LaViña, Esq**

Barnes & Thornburg LLP

**Susana Ziarati**

Wells Fargo

**Richard Strulson, Esq**

Interior Logic Group

**Hugo C. Villa, LMFT**

Chief Executive Officer

**Irma Seilicovich, LMFT**

Chief Operating Officer

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of the Village Family Services, I am writing to ask for your support in increasing funding for homelessness in the 2019-2020 budget.

The Village Family Services provides essential social care and behavioral health services to children, youth and families in order for them to lead safe, healthy and productive lives. With a focus on youth homelessness, integrated behavioral health, and foster care and adoptions, we offer a full spectrum of recovery and wellness programs to help struggling children, youth, and families live happier, more fulfilling lives. Families face incredible pressures when they fall into homelessness, often resorting to splitting up children among friends and relatives, or attempting to stay together in vehicles and other makeshift arrangements. We need greater action from the California State Legislature to address this crisis.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Hugo Villa  
CEO & Co-Founder



the **village**  
family services

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 30, 2019

OFFICERS

**William Cook**  
President  
Wellpoint, Inc.  
(Retired)

**Honorable Diego Edber**  
Secretary  
Los Angeles Superior Court

**Yvonne Green, CPA**  
Treasurer  
WWSA

MEMBERS

**Erika Endrijonas, PhD**  
Pasadena City College

**Sal LaViña, Esq**  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP

**Susana Ziarati**  
Wells Fargo

**Richard Strulson, Esq**  
Interior Logic Group

**Hugo C. Villa, LMFT**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Irma Seilicovich, LMFT**  
Chief Operating Officer

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senate President Pro Tempore Atkins:

On behalf of the Village Family Services, I am writing to ask for your support in increasing funding for homelessness in the 2019-2020 budget.

The Village Family Services provides essential social care and behavioral health services to children, youth and families in order for them to lead safe, healthy and productive lives. With a focus on youth homelessness, integrated behavioral health, and foster care and adoptions, we offer a full spectrum of recovery and wellness programs to help struggling children, youth, and families live happier, more fulfilling lives. Families face incredible pressures when they fall into homelessness, often resorting to splitting up children among friends and relatives, or attempting to stay together in vehicles and other makeshift arrangements. We need greater action from the California State Legislature to address this crisis.

The State Legislature took an important step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This project was launched with competence and efficiency, allocating all \$500 million to cities and Continuums of Care by April 2019. The Governor has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

Most importantly however, we ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding.

Sincerely,



Hugo Villa  
CEO & Co-Founder

June 3, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of the Weingart Center, I am writing to urge the California State Legislature to prioritize efforts to address homelessness during the 2019-2020 budget negotiations.

With nearly 130,000 people experiencing homelessness in California, the issue has reached a tipping point. It is critical that we act now. For more than 35 years, the Weingart Center Association has been a leader in the fight to end homelessness. Last year alone, the Weingart Center provided housing, clinical case management, job training and placement to more than 27,000 homeless individuals. More than half of the estimate 50,000 men and women sleeping on streets of Los Angeles County every night.

In 2016 and 2017, we were a strong supporter and advocate for more local resources through Prop HHH and Measure H. We believe that The State Legislature took an important and vital step in boosting homelessness initiatives last year through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). The HEAP investment has and will positively impact this crisis.

Governor Newsom has proposed to build on this progress with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. We encourage you to support these efforts by increasing the funding level to \$1.5 billion while maintaining a wide range of eligible uses. State homelessness grants should remain flexible enough to allow local governments to use these resources effectively. Funding gaps in one city may not match the homeless strategy of another.

We ask the State Legislature to prioritize homelessness with a budget commensurate with the scale of the problem. Solutions to California's homelessness crisis will require more resources and we request your support for this increased funding. Individual communities cannot solve this problem on their own. We need the California State Legislature to deepen its partnership with cities, counties, and Continuums of Care in the upcoming budget.

We greatly appreciate your leadership as the state responds to California's homeless crisis.

Sincerely,



Kevin Murray  
President and CEO  
Weingart Center Association



# WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

**"Changing the face of a community... Moving the lives of a people"**

10950 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90059 • Telephone 323.563.5639 • Facsimile 323.923.1474

Ted Watkins  
Founder / Administrator  
1965-1993

May 30 2019

Officers:  
Timothy Watkins  
President

Dr. Messele Negash  
Vice President

Paulette Hunter  
Treasurer

Shamika Shoulders  
Secretary

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Directors:  
Ron Bagel  
Real Estate and  
Development Professional

Dear Senator Atkins:

Michael P. Bishop  
School District Operations Expert

On behalf of the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, I am writing to ask for your support in increasing funding for homelessness in the 2019-2020 budget.

Corey Burns  
Technology Specialist

The Watts Labor Community Action Committee is a non-profit, community-based, human social services organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for South Central Los Angeles residents. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Watts and neighboring communities. Poverty is widespread but it discriminates, imposing particular hardships on communities that are already struggling with various forms of inequality. We need the California State Legislature to boost funding for homelessness to help address these disparities.

Rodney S. Diggs  
Attorney

Damien DeLaney  
Attorney

Gregory Green  
Property Maintenance Professional

Louise Manuel  
Urban Planner

Maressa Montes de Oca  
Certified Property Specialist

Bonnie Rice  
Project Management Professional

Matthew Roth  
Curator, Archivist and Historian

Charles Standokes  
HR Professional

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

Directors Emeriti:  
Bernice Watkins  
Social Activist and Community Advocate

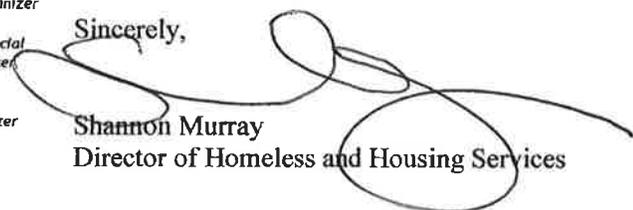
California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Elizabeth "Pat" Eastman  
Social Activist and Community Organizer

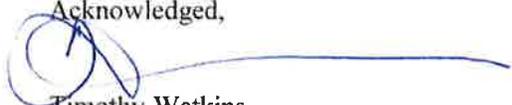
Lillian Harkless Mobley  
Social Activist and Community Organizer

Paul Schrade  
Social Activist and Union Organizer

Sincerely,

  
Shannon Murray  
Director of Homeless and Housing Services

Acknowledged,

  
Timothy Watkins  
President and Chief Executive Officer



# WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

**"Changing the face of a community... Moving the lives of a people"**

10950 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90059 • Telephone 323.563.5639 • Facsimile 323.923.1474

Ted Watkins  
Founder/Administrator  
1965-1993

**Officers:**

Timothy Watkins  
President

Dr. Messele Negash  
Vice President

Paulette Hunter  
Treasurer

Shamika Shoulders  
Secretary

**Directors:**

Ron Bagel  
Real Estate and  
Development Professional

Michael P. Bishop  
School District Operations Expert

Corey Burns  
Technology Specialist

Rodney S. Diggs  
Attorney

Damien DeLaney  
Attorney

Gregory Green  
Property Maintenance Professional

Louise Manuel  
Urban Planner

Maressa Montes de Oca  
Certified Property Specialist

Bonnie Rice  
Project Management Professional

Matthew Roth  
Curator, Archivist and Historian

Charles Standokes  
HR Professional

**Directors Emeriti:**

Bernice Watkins  
Social Activist and Community Advocate

Elizabeth "Pat" Eastman  
Social Activist and Community Organizer

Lillian Harkless Mobley  
Social Activist and Community Organizer

Paul Schrade  
Social Activist and Union Organizer

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, I am writing to ask for your support in increasing funding for homelessness in the 2019-2020 budget.

The Watts Labor Community Action Committee is a non-profit, community-based, human social services organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for South Central Los Angeles residents. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Watts and neighboring communities. Poverty is widespread but it discriminates, imposing particular hardships on communities that are already struggling with various forms of inequality. We need the California State Legislature to boost funding for homelessness to help address these disparities.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

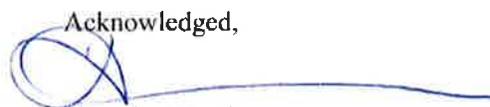
California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,



Shannon Murray  
Director of Homeless and Housing Services

Acknowledged,



Timothy Watkins  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Building bright futures for homeless and foster youth

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Dear Speaker Rendon:

Los Angeles Youth Network, now DOING BUSINESS AS Youth Emerging Stronger, is seeking your assistance to increase state funding for homelessness in the 2019-2020 budget.

Founded in 1985, we recently changed our name to reflect our results: Youth Emerging Stronger. Our mission is to provide runaway, homeless and foster youth with safety, stability and housing, along with the relationships and resources to thrive now and in the future. We believe that every youth deserves permanency – a safe, stable home and relationships with others who will support them, advocate for them and help them negotiate life's challenges. The risks and hardships that homeless young people face on the streets are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for this group.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Mark Supper  
President and CEO

President/CEO: Mark Supper  
Executive Board Chair: Teo Martinez  
Vice Chair: Hope Biller - Treasurer: Scott Kay  
Secretary: Diana Buckhantz

Directors: Russell Allyn - Sylvia Castillo - Ram Cogan  
Dave Cottrell - Catherine Johnson - Leslie Kaplan  
Peter Picataggio - Jeremy Rosenthal - John Ryan



May 30, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUESTING \$1.5 BILLION FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Dear Senator Atkins:

Los Angeles Youth Network, now **DOING BUSINESS AS Youth Emerging Stronger**, is seeking your assistance to increase state funding for homelessness in the 2019-2020 budget.

Founded in 1985, we recently changed our name to reflect our results: Youth Emerging Stronger. Our mission is to provide runaway, homeless and foster youth with safety, stability and housing, along with the relationships and resources to thrive now and in the future. We believe that every youth deserves permanency – a safe, stable home and relationships with others who will support them, advocate for them and help them negotiate life's challenges. The risks and hardships that homeless young people face on the streets are hard to fathom. We need the California State Legislature to act with a greater sense of urgency in prioritizing resources for this group.

Last year, the State Legislature recognized that more must be done to address the homelessness crisis. We were encouraged to see the creation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is already making a difference in Los Angeles County. More recently, Gov. Newsom has laid out a proposal to expand these efforts with his \$1 billion plan to fight homelessness. Yet California's homeless population continues to grow and a higher level of funding will be needed to bring these numbers down. State homelessness funding should be guided by best practices but remain flexible, allowing local governments and Continuums of Care to put these grants to their most effective use in preventing and ending homelessness.

California has the means to solve homelessness. Organizations like mine stand with you in this cause and we ask for your support in adding more resources to the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

Mark Supper  
President and CEO

President/CEO: Mark Supper  
Executive Board Chair: Teo Martinez  
Vice Chair: Hope Biller · Treasurer: Scott Kay  
Secretary: Diana Buckhantz

Directors: Russell Allyn - Sylvia Castillo - Ram Cogan  
Dave Cottrell - Catherine Johnson - Leslie Kaplan  
Peter Picataggio - Jeremy Rosenthal - John Ryan