

PROVIDER ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS

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Chairman David Chiu
Committee on Housing and Community Development
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 162
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chairman Chiu,

On behalf of the Provider Alliance to End Homelessness, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 3171 (Ting), the Homeless Persons Services Block Grant. This legislation would provide \$1.5 billion for local strategies to address homelessness. Eligible uses include emergency shelters, rapid re-housing, rental assistance, navigation centers, bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing. This range of program options is intended to be flexible, recognizing that different cities have different needs as they struggle to help more than 134,000 homeless Californians on any given night.

The Provider Alliance to End Homelessness is a coalition of 57 nonprofit organizations on the front lines of homelessness in Los Angeles County. We include missions and shelter operators, SPA-wide coordinating organizations, youth service providers, domestic violence agencies, developers of supportive housing, organizations that help homeless individuals find employment, and organizations that focus on the needs of homeless families. Through Prop HHH, we helped win \$1.2 billion for housing resources. Through Measure H, we helped win \$355 million annually for homelessness services.

While advocating for these local resources, the Provider Alliance recognizes that homelessness is a much bigger problem than any city or county can solve on its own. Homelessness is worsening in Los Angeles, in part because the crisis continues to grow statewide and across the nation.

The State of California is not doing enough to augment local resources like Prop HHH and Measure H. By allocating \$1.5 billion to the Local Homelessness Solutions Fund and providing a 1:1 match, AB 3171 will help cities invest in proven, results-oriented solutions. By targeting resources on the basis of homeless point-in-time counts, this legislation will ensure that funds are directed to the areas of greatest need.

Local organizations are working hard to bring our homeless neighbors inside, but we cannot do this alone. We urge the Committee on Housing and Community Development to pass AB 3171 without delay.

Sincerely,



Jerry Jones
Provider Alliance to End Homelessness