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The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Joint Budget Conference Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 6026
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Re: Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Language Proposal to Help Counties Combat Homelessness - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is pleased to support Los Angeles County's trailer bill proposal to grant counties the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million to provide housing and services for homeless individuals and families. This proposal would provide counties with resources to address the unique challenges of homelessness within their communities.

While homelessness is a statewide problem, not all counties in California are experiencing it at similar levels, or with similar populations, such as veterans, transition-age youth, or women and children. Los Angeles County's proposed trailer bill language would provide counties with the opportunity to create a flexible and continuous source of funding to address homelessness. This proposal recognizes the complex, long-term nature of the homelessness crisis and that a one-time source of funding may not be sufficient to provide homeless individuals and families with the housing and services they need.

CSAC wishes to thank the Conference Committee for working to find ways to reduce homelessness in California and respectfully asks that your committee support Los Angeles County's proposed trailer bill language to authorize counties to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal annual incomes over \$1 million to provide housing and services for homeless individuals and families. If you have additional questions about CSAC's position on this topic, I can be reached at fmcdaid@counties.org or (916) 650-8110. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Farrah M. Ting".

Farrah McDaid Ting
CSAC Legislative Representative

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