



Resolution in Support of the California State Association of Counties AT HOME Plan to Significantly Reduce Homelessness in California

WHEREAS, California Democrats believe that shelter (including affordable housing) is a basic human right, but we know that homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California and we acknowledge that the undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built over decades, continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, unlike other areas of government such as education, child welfare, infrastructure and many other policy areas, California lacks a comprehensive plan to address those who are unhoused and at-risk of becoming unhoused effectively and equitably and we must acknowledge the current approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability and sustainability so that it is not possible to make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure; and

WHEREAS, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness, the AT HOME plan, which includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government and improve the way California collectively responds to those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and the six pillars of AT HOME stand for Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic opportunity and can provide a comprehensive roadmap to reducing and mitigating homelessness; and since counties run or administer most health and human services programs on behalf of the state and federal government including CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, mental health and substance use disorder services, In-Home Supportive Services, Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services, and CalFresh, counties must take the lead in implementing the AT HOME plan with input from many other agencies, organizations, cities and members of the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sonoma County Democratic Party joins a growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community and other organizations throughout the state in acknowledging that homelessness is indeed a crisis that must be elevated to be an important shared California priority deserving of a comprehensive plan for resolution and in supporting implementation of the AT HOME Plan to significantly reduce homelessness in California.

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