AT HOME Pilot Program

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We have a homelessness crisis in California. Everyone is frustrated, and rightfully so: The public is demanding progress and results.

Frustration and finger-pointing will never solve the problem. Instead, we must confront two fundamental barriers to reducing homelessness:

- *The lack of clearly defined responsibilities for each level of government (state, county, city)*
- *The state's unreliable, one-year-at-a-time funding approach*

This proposal tackles the first barrier and calls on the state to address the second.

GOAL: Pioneer a new statewide model to address and prevent homelessness.

STATE FUNDING

- **Keep what's working:** Permanently extend $1 billion per year in HHAP funding, with the increased accountability requirements now being implemented
- **New commitment:** $75 million/year for five years to implement the pilot program

METRICS

We'll measure results by tracking the numerical and percentage changes in:

- Homeless populations
  - Overall homeless count
  - Key sub-populations (i.e. sheltered/unsheltered)
- Shelter/transitional/permanent supportive housing
  - Approved
  - Operational
- Californians receiving services or financial support
  - Homeless
  - At risk of becoming homeless

➡ *We will adjust measures in coordination with the state to fit local focus.*

5-YEAR PILOT PROPOSAL

WHERE: COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT JOINTLY OPT-IN

- Must have strong existing working relationships on housing/homelessness.
- Will include geographically diverse counties of varying population sizes.

➡ *We expect there will be up to eight applications from interested county-city partnerships.*

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide necessary health and human services.
- Ensure access for homeless individuals, as tied into broader county safety net services.

CITY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Site and fund operations at homeless shelters and transitional housing.
- Site permanent supportive housing facilities.

➡ *All siting must be coordinated with the county to ensure locations tie into safety net services.*

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ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR PILOT PARTICIPANTS:

Streamline Housing Process and Requirements:

- Cities and counties will identify the appropriate locations in their respective jurisdictions where homeless and supportive housing projects would be eligible for:
  - By-Right
  - CEQA exemption

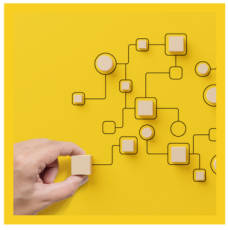
- Pre-approved plans developed by counties and cities in pilot areas
  - Facilitates approval of initial plans for homelessness/supportive housing projects that meet specific criteria developed by participating counties and cities.
  - Final approval contingent upon complete project applications that meet state laws and local ordinances.

- Full property tax exemption to fast-track projects that are not financially feasible:
  - Units for homeless or at-risk populations must account for 50% or more of a project.
    - Ex: transitional housing project that is 50% for homeless and those at-risk of homelessness and 50% for workforce or market rate units.
  - Full exemption sunsets after five years, reverting back to partial exemption.

- RHNA credit:
  - Each supportive housing unit that a jurisdiction approves will receive a 2-unit credit.
  - Each jurisdiction will receive a 2-unit credit for every 10 beds of shelter approved.

➡ *Those two credits are split equally between the city and county for joint projects.*

Eliminate Bureaucracy:



- Unified homelessness application and reporting for braided funds (HHAP, Encampment Resolution Funding, etc.).

➡ *Expedites funding and services in communities by eliminating numerous lengthy, stand alone applications and reporting requirements.*