



County of Sonoma

State of California

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4/5 Vote Required

**A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Expressing Support for the California State Association of Counties' (CSAC's) "AT HOME" Plan**

Whereas, homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California; and

Whereas, 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

Whereas, the current approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability and sustainability; and

Whereas, to make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness; and

Whereas, the AT HOME plan 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

Whereas, the six pillars of AT HOME stand for Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic opportunity; and

Whereas, AT HOME elevates homelessness as an important shared California priority, similar to how education, child welfare, infrastructure, etc. are prioritized; and

Whereas, AT HOME provides a comprehensive roadmap to reducing and mitigating homelessness; and

Whereas, counties run or administer most health and human services programs on behalf of the state and federal government; and

Whereas, these programs include CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, mental health and substance use disorder services, In-Home Supportive Services, Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services, and CalFresh; and

Whereas, California's counties are at the frontlines of these crucial safety net programs.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma expresses its support for the CSAC AT HOME Plan;

Supervisors:

Gore: Gorin: Hopkins: Rabbitt: Coursey:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.