



September 10, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6015
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 109 and SB 109 - Budget Act 2019 - Support

Dear Chair Ting and Chair Mitchell,

On behalf of the R3 Hotel, Guerneville, CA, I write to you to express our strong support for AB 109 and SB 109. These bills include critically needed funding for the County of Sonoma's ongoing recovery efforts from the 2019 Russian River Flood.

In February of 2019, Sonoma County was hit with devastating storms prompting the worst flood disaster in almost 25 years. The Russian River ultimately crested at 45.4 feet, 13 feet above flood level, damaging or destroying over 2,500 homes, businesses and local roads. My business was flooded with over 8 feet of water.

The county's support, including the curbside pickup and the collective resources provided by the Local Assistance Center was instrumental in local residents recovering from this historic flood disaster.

I strongly request your support of this critical funding in AB 109 and SB 109. It is necessary for the continued recovery of our community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bridges, R3 Hotel
& President, Russian River Chamber of Commerce