

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' "AT HOME" PLAN

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 181,000 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, continue 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 effectively and equitably address those who are unhoused and at-risk of becoming unhoused; 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 CSAC “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 the AT HOME plan are 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 county-operated 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 serving those supported by these crucial safety net programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Mateo states its full support for the CSAC AT HOME Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of San Mateo will join a growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community and other organizations throughout the state in support of AT HOME.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this adopted resolution to the California State Association of Counties and to any other recipients deemed appropriate by the County Executive.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day _____ of _____, 2024.

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