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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
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RE: Support for Homelessness Funding

Dear Governor Brown; President pro Tempore Atkins; and Speaker Rendon:

The City of Arcata strongly encourages you to prioritize and support, in the final FY 2018-19 State Budget, significant new funding to assist local government efforts to address the homelessness crisis that is effecting nearly every region of the state.

After steady declines in homelessness between 2007-2014, California has seen an unfortunate spike in homelessness, with a significant increase in the number of unsheltered people in our communities. Domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, employment opportunities and the cost of health care have also pushed individuals into homelessness.

It is clear that homelessness is a statewide problem that eludes a one-size-fits-all solution. This is why cities and counties are at the forefront of responding to this crisis. However, cities and counties cannot adequately address the homelessness crisis alone. State resources are desperately needed to bolster local services and programs targeting homelessness. Cities in particular need access to flexible funding that can be used for emergency responses to homelessness that include shelters, navigation centers, bridge housing, and motel vouchers.

State funding for local homelessness programs is extremely important to ensure quality of life and economic viability for all Californians.

The City of Arcata strongly encourages you to maximize homelessness program funding while also focusing on providing flexible funding that can be used immediately by cities for emergency responses to homelessness.

Sincerely,



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