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Senate Committee on Housing
1021 O Street, Room 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via the Legislative Position Letter Portal

RE: Support of Assembly Bill 1782 (AB 1782) Redevelopment: Successor Agencies: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund

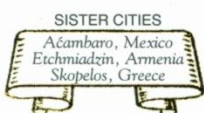
Dear Honorable Senate Housing Committee Members:

On behalf of the La Verne City Council I am writing to express my strong support for AB 1782, which proposes critical amendments to existing legislation governing the use of Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds by successor agencies. This bill significantly enhances the ability of cities and counties to address homelessness and mental health crises by increasing the financial resources available for homeless prevention, rapid rehousing services, and the development of regional homeless shelters.

The dissolution of redevelopment agencies in 2012 left a significant gap in funding and resources for low and moderate-income housing. While successor agencies have been able to utilize transferred housing assets to meet enforceable obligations and administrative costs, the rising homelessness crisis and the increasing prevalence of mental health issues demand more substantial action and funding.

AB 1782 proposes to increase the allowable expenditure for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services from \$250,000 to \$500,000 per fiscal year. This adjustment is not only necessary but also timely, considering the growing need for comprehensive solutions to homelessness and the adverse effects of living on the streets. By increasing the financial cap and allowing for adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index, this bill ensures that our cities and counties can respond more effectively to inflation and the escalating costs of services.

Moreover, the bill facilitates greater collaboration among housing successors within counties by permitting the transfer of funds to assist in the development of specified projects, including regional homeless shelters. The ability to transfer and utilize up to \$1,000,000 per fiscal year for these projects is a crucial step toward creating more



bed space and facilities, thereby providing safe and stable environments for our most vulnerable populations.

Additionally, funding for outreach and engagement staffing is essential to connect unhoused individuals and those suffering from mental health issues with the services they need. By ensuring adequate staffing, we can improve the efficiency of service delivery, reduce the time individuals spend on the streets, and better address the root causes of homelessness and mental health crises.

In conclusion, AB 1782 represents a proactive and necessary legislative measure to enhance the support structures for our communities' most vulnerable members. By increasing funding limits and facilitating regional cooperation, this bill paves the way for more effective and sustainable solutions to homelessness and mental health issues.

I respectfully urge your support for AB 1782 to ensure that cities and counties have the resources and flexibility needed to address these critical issues. Thank you for considering the position of the City of La Verne on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Hepburn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

C: City Council
Ken Domer, City Manager