



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: May 9, 2023
Placement: Administrative
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If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: **Majority**

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Legislative Program Committee

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SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution supporting CSAC’s AT HOME Plan to Address Homelessness

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the Resolution supporting The California State Association of Counties (CSAC)’s AT HOME Plan to Address Homelessness, included as Attachment A; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is related to the creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and therefore is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378 (b)(4).

Summary:

Over the last year, CSAC worked to develop the AT HOME plan as part of an all-county effort to analyze barriers to addressing homelessness and developing solutions, tailored to the unique needs of our communities. The AT HOME plan is a comprehensive, holistic plan to address homelessness by outlining clear responsibilities aligned with strong accountability and sustainable funding for all levels of government. The plan was created to address homelessness equitably and effectively. CSAC requests the County’s support of the plan through a resolution (Attachment A).

Background:

During the May 1, 2023 Legislative Program Committee (LPC) meeting, the LPC reviewed CSAC’s request to support the AT HOME plan and recommended full Board consideration to adopt a resolution of support.

Discussion:

Despite significant investments and partnerships between the state and local governments, the response to helping those who are unhoused is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability, and sustainability. To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, CSAC developed the AT HOME plan (Attachment B). The six-pillar plan includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to improve the way California collectively responds to those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused. The six pillars of the AT HOME plan are:

- **Accountability:** Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government
- **Transparency:** Integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness
- **Housing:** Increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum
- **Outreach:** Develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce to support these systems
- **Mitigation:** Strengthen safety net programs
- **Economic Opportunity:** Create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs

Through adoption of a resolution the County joins 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. Support demonstrates that the County of Santa Barbara is determined to work with our state and local partners, in coordination with CSAC to aid in implementation of this comprehensive plan to help those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused in our communities.

Thus far, the following counties have adopted resolutions in support of the AT HOME Plan:

- Mariposa
- Riverside
- San Luis Obispo
- Shasta
- Yolo

Fiscal Impact:

There are no fiscal impacts with adopting a support resolution.

Special Instructions:

Please email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California State Association of Counties at fmcting@counties.org and provide an electronic copy to Jasmine McGinty, at jmcginty@countyofsb.org.

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Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution of AT HOME Support

Attachment B – CSAC AT HOME Plan

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