

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY OF)
SANTA BARBARA SUPPORTING THE) RESOLUTION NO. _____
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION)
OF COUNTIES' AT HOME PLAN TO)
ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS)

WHEREAS, homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 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, continues 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 address those who are unhoused and at-risk of becoming unhoused effectively and equitably; 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, the AT HOME plan; and

WHEREAS, the 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 AT HOME stand for 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 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 these crucial safety net programs; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara supports the CSAC AT HOME Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Barbara 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

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Amber Holderness
By: _____
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Deputy County Counsel