A T H O M E in the County of Fresno



To support and continue the meaningful progress and extensive efforts the County of Fresno has already taken to help persons who are unhoused or are housing insecure, the County is pleased to support the CSAC's statewide approach to address homelessness.

Supporting this plan and its tenets will **supplement all of the current actions and plans of the County** to address homelessness by providing a structured framework for regional and statewide collective work in reducing the farreaching effects of homelessness.

A CCOUNTABILITY

Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government

- County of Fresno and its cities have worked collaboratively to identify regional priorities in addressing homelessness.
 - Board adopted 2022 Homelessness Priorities
 - Board supported Multi-Agency Response to Community Homelessness (MARCH)
- County of Fresno is the administrative agency over the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care and is made up of over a hundred different non-profit organizations and government agencies in the Fresno and Madera region with the sole purpose of providing a comprehensive, coordinated homeless housing and services delivery system.
- County of Fresno has dedicated millions of dollars in annual ongoing funding to maintain the Multi-Agency
 Access Point Program to assist with access/linkages to services (mental health, substance use, housing, social
 services, primary care, utilities, food, etc.).

T RANSPARENCY

Integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness

- County of Fresno allocated \$5 million of ARPA money towards the development of an integrated data management system which will improve program effectiveness through various sectors and disciplines including supportive programs that address homelessness.
- Fresno Madera Continuum of Care, which is administered by the County of Fresno, enters extensive homelessness data into the HMIS which is a regional integrated data system.

H OUSING

Increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum

- County of Fresno, through its Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program, provides zero interest rate loans to lowand moderate-income owner-occupied households to make repairs to preserve existing housing stock.
- County of Fresno, through its Homebuyer Assistance Program, provides a deferred zero interest rate downpayment assistance loan to low- and moderate- income households to assist in purchasing a modestly-valued home.
- County of Fresno, through its Affordable Housing Development Program, provides loans to developers of
 affordable multi-family housing to acquire and rehabilitate or construct multi-family developments; assisted units
 must be rented to low-income households at affordable rates.
- County of Fresno, provides development loans to developers like Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises to support the construction of affordable single-family homes for homeownership; beneficiaries must meet income limits and sales price must be under federally-determined limits.
- County of Fresno, through its Department of Behavioral Health, has built 302 (and growing) permanent supportive housing units, which provides housing with on site services.

O UTREACH

Develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce to support these systems

- County of Fresno has invested over a million dollars in ARPA money for contracted outreach teams to provide housing support services, client transportation services, clothing, food and hygiene services, education, health and mental health assessments, and linkage capabilities to enable this impacted population to live in their communities and avoid homelessness, hospitalization, and/or jail detention.
- County of Fresno also regularly participates in regional, state and nationwide best practices training on homelessness response including for first responding Sheriff deputies.
 - Training has included the following topics: homeless encampment response best practices, crisis
 intervention for first responders, mental health first aid, and de-escalation training.

M ITIGATION

Strengthen safety net programs

- County of Fresno, through its Department of Behavioral Health, has contracts with several agencies for programs and services that provide screening, treatment, and recovery services for substance use disorder.
 - These contracts are worth several millions of dollars and are made up of several funding sources to
 optimize access and availability of services.
- County of Fresno, through its Department of Social Services, has contracts with several agencies for homeless supportive services programs to ensure eligible individuals can be enrolled and receive the services they need in a timely manner.
 - These contracts are worth millions of dollars and consist of several funding sources in order to provide safety nets for the programs and ensure adequate funding.

E CONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs

- County of Fresno has a long-standing and strong partnership with the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB).
 - A main point in the vision statement for FRWDB is to "assist our unemployed and underemployed residents to achieve a higher quality of life by accessing careers in growth industry sectors."
 - In the 2023 Biennial Modification to the Program Year 2021 2024 Local Plan, the FRWDB identifies the County
 of Fresno Department of Social Services as a key partner in addressing employment barriers and in the work
 necessary to help those who are unemployed find and retain employment that will lead to financial selfreliance.





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A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Fresno County Board of Supervisors June 6, 2023

Presented by: Graham Knaus, CEO California State Association of Counties

Homelessness

 No real system to define who does what

 No accountability linked to State/Local authority, responsibilities, flexibility, and resources

 CSAC survey, program inventory, principles and policy recommendations



To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, the California State Association of Counties offers:



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Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government

- One countywide plan
 - Clear and measurable outcomes
 - Funded through one fiscal agent
 - Counties and cities have unique authority and are ultimately responsible to constituents







Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
 - Cities site and support shelters, site permanent supportive housing, and encampment clean-up in incorporated areas
 - Counties site and support shelters, site permanent supportive housing, and encampment clean-up in unincorporated areas; HHS programs countywide
 - Cities/Counties encampment outreach determined locally







Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government

- Ongoing funding
 - Allocated to entities commensurate with responsibilities identified in countywide plan
 - Maximize local flexibility
 - Performance-based funding for achieving success
 - Minimum county amount



AT HOME Coalition for Accountability

Accountability is the Foundation for Addressing the Homelessness Crisis Homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis in California with an estimated 172,000 unhoused individuals and countless others who are struggling to stay housed up and down the state. Unfortunately, the state lacks a comprehensive and ecountable plan to address this crisis effectively and equitably To make meaningful progress in helping those who are used, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) eveloped the 'AT HOME' Plan. The six-pillar plan is designed to one true progress to effectively address horsele ivel - state, local snell Accountability is the fi developing a statewid HOME Coalition for An ATHOME adopt the Accountabl nuickly as possible. is the Foundation for Addressing the Norselessness Crisis Download the CSAC Is make meaningful program in Helping these who are unhoused, the California State Association of Counters (CSAC) developed the <u>"NT INSUE"</u> Man. The sin-pillar plan is designed to ACCOUNTABILITY make true progress to effectively address homelessness at every level - state, local and federal ACCOUNTABLE TV is the first and favoment priority for California's counties. eesmints crisia." The AT MOME Coalition for Accountability arges the state to adopt the Accountability Filler of CEAC'S AT HOME PLAN. decades with w No one level of government is splets responsible for the homelessness crisis. The undertow of tion efforts to supe nazive economic and optiamic inequilities, as well as a tangled web of decisions and well-transformed policies and programs stymes efforts to suggest these who are universed or at inte all becoming unbound Solution: We need to a Location. No need to develop a comprehensive and data driven plan that includes friven plan that include measurable outcomes and accountability for all leasts of generoment accountability for all le Athen Down Versionalability' Mean? What Dees 'Accountail · Dearly defined cits, county and state roles and responsibilities making it clear which Invest of government is recommitted to what. Today, this structure does not easi. Collaboration and coordination between the your, counting and plans from start to Clearly defined city. Reach on occurrywalds or regional plane that include measurable graits and extremes. Orgoing funding commensurate with responsibilities for each entity within the required plane to provide for maximum local Reachility in alignment with established making it clear whit what. Today, this ste · Collaboration and a posits and lounces Funding thed to results to ensure participating sities and counties achieve to clearly and cities form start defined roles for uting and providing supportive services - al well as encarroment that include mean reach and clea Ongoing funding this urgs you to join (SMC* - a nonpartition, comprofit associat stity has with 38 counties - to support the grassroots AF MOME Countries for Accountability Winter the AT VOMIL Account while Coalition family more about the Coefficient each chert about the entity of middle property lave surphons about the mailtian? Please contact surplus mater, coalition constituator

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 The AT HOME Coalition for Accountability is urging the state to adopt the Accountability Pillar of CSAC's AT HOME Plan as quickly as possible.

 Scan the QR code to join the coalition





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- Work with Governor, Legislature, Federal partners, cities, and stakeholders
- Adopt language for Accountability pillar
- Build broad coalition
- Endorse AT HOME





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Thank you! Questions?



Scan the QR code to access 'AT HOME' resources, including sample resolution, fact sheets and a social media toolkit.

