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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-195

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Resolution supporting the California State Association of Counties' (CSAC) AT HOME Plan to address homelessness throughout California supplementing the meaningful progress and extensive efforts the County has already taken to help persons who are unhoused or are housing insecure.

WHEREAS homelessness has become the preeminent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California; and

WHEREAS the County of Fresno, through the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association (FCERA), has invested in underserved communities to create affordable rental housing that prevents homelessness and provides housing stability; and

WHEREAS the County of Fresno has directed FCERA to seek investment opportunities that not only benefit county employees but also achieve measurable and transparent, positive social impacts to reduce inequalities countywide; and

WHEREAS the County of Fresno envisions that these investments, supporting county facilities and infrastructure, will stimulate affordable homeownership among the underserved and unhoused to create personal wealth; and

WHEREAS the County of Fresno administers the Fresno-Madera County Continuum of Care which 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

WHEREAS the County of Fresno, through its Department of Behavioral Health and Department of Social Services also directly provides extensive housing and supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness; and

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 WHEREAS, on March 22, 2022, the County of Fresno adopted the 2022 Homelessness Priorities which serves as the basis to address homelessness countywide and included the Multi-Agency Response to Community Homelessness (MARCH); and

WHEREAS the County of Fresno funds the Multi-Agency Access Point Program to assist thousands of persons a year experiencing homelessness in gaining access and linkages to services; and

WHEREAS to support and continue the meaningful progress and extensive efforts the County has already taken to help persons who are unhoused and housing insecure, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness; 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 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the AT HOME Plan proposed by the California State Association of Counties CSAC's to supplement all of the current actions and plans of the County to address homelessness by providing a

1	structured framework for regional and statewide collective work in reducing the far-reaching effects of	
2	homelessness.	
3	THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote for the Board of Supervisors	
4	of the County of Fresno this <u>6th</u> day of <u>June</u> , 2023, to-wit:	
5	AYES:	Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
6	NOES:	None
7	ABSENT:	None
8	ABSTAINED: None	
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10	Sal Quintero, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors	
11	of the County of Fresno	
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14	ATTEST: BERNICE E. SEIDEL Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California BY Hanama Deputy	
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