



February 24, 2021

Supervisor Phil Serna
Mayor Darrell Steinberg
Councilmember Eric Guerra
Boardmember Leticia Garcia
Boardmember Jamee Villa

RE: Statement supporting our unhoused neighbors and call for immediate action

Dear Elected Representatives,

The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) calls upon our Sacramento City and County Elected Representatives to take immediate action to address the crisis facing our unhoused neighbors in District 6, across Sacramento and throughout the state of California. We refuse to accept that homelessness is a problem too complicated to solve.

After the tragic death of our unhoused neighbor on Stockton Blvd during a camp sweep, the January 26th “Night of Terror” storm, and years of inaction, it is clear that band-aid approaches are insufficient. As a result, our neighbors are dying.

We all want homelessness to end however there is a difference between simply wanting something to change and actively working to make the change. Our board is dedicated to working with the City, County, neighbors and local businesses to enact real and substantive change to address this crisis.

We are calling for the City and County to work together to develop and implement a comprehensive holistic solution to the Sacramento unhoused crisis. This includes ensuring our unhoused neighbors receive the support and assistance they need to be safe and obtain supportive resources, including but not limited to mental health, substance abuse, economic resources or simply shelter during a storm.

We encourage our leaders to act swiftly and boldly to make use of the opportunities available.

This includes:

- Making full use of the opportunity through the executive FEMA order to provide hotel rooms to the unhoused for a period of 8 months, from now through the end of September.
- Continue efforts to ensure safe camping and safe parking sites under the Homelessness Master Plan currently under development.

- Continue to work with advocacy groups already active and connected with the unhoused community to ensure the voices of our unhoused neighbors are heard.

We call on the City to ensure accounting for funding that has already been dispersed on programs supporting our unhoused (e.g., Sacramento Steps Forward) and to provide data which demonstrates that the funding has directly supported the unhoused community.

We encourage our City and County leaders to develop and implement a plan which cohesively and strategically addresses the housing crisis in Sacramento.

Sincerely,



Rose Cabral

President, Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association

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- Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
 - Colonial Village Neighborhood Association
 - Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
 - Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association
 - Oak Park Neighborhood Association
 - South Oak Park Community Association
 - Southeast Village Neighborhood Association
 - Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness