



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

January 19, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León
Senate President pro Tempore, 24th District
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: State Senate Proposal on Homelessness

Dear President pro Tempore de León,

I write in strong support of the California State Senate's proposal to increase investment in permanent supportive housing for those with mental disabilities by \$2 billion and increase temporary rent subsidies by \$200 million over four years.

Cities throughout the state are struggling to address this historic housing crisis, which is reflected in the escalating incidence of homelessness. In Los Angeles County there are more than 12,000 individuals with mental disabilities who lack housing, up 25% in two years. With historically low vacancy rates, solving homelessness for those struggling with mental illness requires more housing.

The City of Los Angeles increased its investment in affordable housing by more than \$10 million in 2015, however additional state support is needed. This proposal is critically important to fund a growing backlog of affordable housing for some of our most vulnerable residents.

This proposal will help promote the development of affordable housing units and help localities tackle this growing crisis. For these reasons, I strongly support the State Senate's proposal. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a small mark at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor