



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

February 10, 2020

The Honorable Miguel Santiago
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1907 (Santiago) – As Introduced January 8, 2020 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Santiago:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1907, which will provide an exemption from CEQA for emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing and certain affordable housing projects throughout California.

California is facing an unprecedented housing and homelessness crisis that requires an urgent response. With a shortage of 1.4 million affordable homes in California, we need to find ways to build more affordable housing, along with emergency shelters and permanent supportive housing for the more than 150,000 people experiencing homelessness in California. Since 2016, California experienced a larger increase in homelessness than any other state.

The majority of California's unsheltered homeless population is chronically homeless, meaning that they have been homeless for a year or more or have experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

For the reasons listed above, the County supports AB 1907. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Josh Candelaria, Governmental and Legislative Director, at 909 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chair, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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