



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 6, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell
California State Senate
State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1380 – (Mitchell) –As Amended on April 21, 2016 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 1380, which would establish the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing First guidelines and regulations and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

In 2008, The San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership was established with the intent to end chronic homelessness in the County. As a result, five committees were formed to develop strategies consistent with those recommended by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The committees joined together to form a ten-year plan to address the diverse needs of homeless population and provide a multidimensional framework. One of the 25 recommendations of the County of San Bernardino 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness is the establishment of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH).

The Interagency Council on Homelessness is a partnership of city governments, community based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, private industry, and federal, state, and local government. The partnership is the governing board of the County-wide Continuum of Care (CoC) whose responsibility is to facilitate better communication, planning, coordination, and cooperation among all entities that provide services and/or resources for the relief of homelessness in San Bernardino County. ICH has been widely successful in its efforts to address homelessness by setting significant goals such as housing all homeless veterans in San Bernardino County and reaching the goal ahead of schedule. The creation of a system similar to the County's partnership on a state-wide level supporting local efforts is a timely effort that can end the problem of homelessness in our state.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 1380. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

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JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

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JOSIE GONZALES
Chair, Interagency Council on Homelessness
Fifth District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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