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Inyo County Board of Supervisors Votes to Support 'AT HOME' Plan to Address Homelessness in California

Developed by Counties, the AT HOME Plan Provides Roadmap to Addressing Homelessness While Implementing Accountability Measures for Every Level of Government

INDEPENDENCE – At its May 2, 2023 meeting, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to support <u>AT</u><u>HOME</u>, a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to effectively and equitably addressing homelessness in California. The six-pillar plan includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government while improving the way California collectively responds homelessness.

"Californians are fed up with the crisis of homelessness and the lack of clear accountability," said Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, 2nd Vice President of the CSAC Executive Board and Rural Caucus leader. "We have a duty to ensure those who are unhoused or at-risk of becoming unhoused in our communities have resources and support available to them. To do this, we need to overhaul how we're collectively addressing this humanitarian crisis at every level of government and prioritize accountability and coordination. AT HOME provides the framework to do so."

AT HOME was developed nearly a year of an all-county effort to analyze barriers to addressing homelessness and developing solutions, tailored to the unique needs of our communities. The six pillars of the AT HOME plan are:

- <u>Accountability</u>: Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government
- <u>Transparency</u>: Integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness
- <u>Housing</u>: Increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum
- <u>Outreach</u>: Develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce to support these systems
- <u>Mitigation</u>: Strengthen safety net programs
- <u>Economic Opportunity</u>: Create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs

"California's counties are on the front lines of this crisis," said Supervisor Trina Orrill, the Board of Supervisors' appointed CSAC Board of Directors representative. "We're looking forward to working with our federal, state and local colleagues to implement AT HOME and make meaningful progress."

Counties run or administer most health and human services programs on behalf of the state and federal governments. 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. This is the safety net in California and counties are the front lines.

Inyo County joins a growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community and other organizations throughout the state in support of AT HOME. Visit the <u>CSAC website</u> (<u>https://www.counties.org/</u>) for more information on <u>AT HOME</u>.

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