



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 891 without my signature.

This bill requires each city and county with a population greater than 330,000 to establish a safe parking program for people experiencing homelessness by January 1, 2022.

Some jurisdictions have already taken it upon themselves to establish safe parking programs as appropriate to meet their local needs, and I encourage every city and county – large and small – to implement solutions necessary to fulfill their obligation to do more to address the urgent crisis of homelessness. Safe parking facilities may be right for communities. We should leave these decisions up to local governments to make right-size decisions to address this crisis.

To address the State's homelessness crisis, the state has stepped up, providing a historic \$1 billion investment this year alone. California is also implementing new tools to make it easier for local governments to build emergency shelters and supportive housing. Local agencies are, and should continue to be, partners in providing shelter, housing and supportive services required to end homelessness consistent with the needs of their communities.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom