NEWSOM’S $12 BILLION PLAN TO CONFRONT THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS HEAD ON

- Largest increase in homeless housing in California history
- Ends family homelessness within five years
- Historic investment in new programs to Clean California’s streets

California’s recovery is underway. But we can’t be satisfied with just going back to the way things were. The Comeback Plan outlines comprehensive strategies and major investments to address the state’s most stubborn challenges. Under Governor Newsom’s $100 billion plan, California will roar back from the pandemic.

There is no recovery for California without confronting the issue of homelessness head on. Newsom’s CA Comeback Plan will invest $12 billion to tackle the homelessness crisis, helping tens of thousands of people off the streets. Newsom is not settling for the old way of addressing homelessness -- he is demanding greater accountability and more urgency to get people off the streets.

Governor Newsom’s CA Comeback Plan builds on the two revolutionary programs – Project Roomkey and Homekey – that provided shelter from COVID-19 to 36,000 Californians and created 6,000 affordable housing units. Within a year, these two programs did more to address the homelessness and affordable housing crisis than anything that’s been done in decades, and has since become a national model.

Governor Newsom is doubling down on these successful efforts – with a massive expansion of Homekey, investing $8.75 billion to unlock at least 46,000 new homeless housing units/placements and affordable apartments. Newsom’s Plan aims to end family homelessness within five years through a new $3.5 billion investment in homeless prevention, housing and rental support.

The plan will provide 65,000 people with housing placements, more than 300,000 people with housing stability, and focuses on those with the most acute needs, with at least 28,000 new beds and housing placements for those with behavioral health issues and seniors at the highest risk of homelessness.

On top of the $12 billion investment in homelessness, the Governor proposes a $1.5 billion investment to clean up California's roadways and transform public spaces.
KEY ACTIONS TO CONFRONT THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

BIGGEST HOMELESS HOUSING INCREASE IN CA HISTORY – 46,000 NEW HOMELESS HOUSING UNITS
- California will invest $12 billion in proven solutions to homelessness, including:
  - $7 billion for additional Homekey acquisitions.
  - $1.75 billion to build thousands of affordable homes.
  - $447 million to address student homelessness at UC, CSU, and CCC.
  - $150 million to stabilize and rehouse Project Roomkey clients.

ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS
- Governor Newsom’s plan seeks to achieve an end to family homelessness within five years by investing $3.5 billion in new rental support, housing and shelter resources.
  - $1.85 billion in new housing for homeless families.
  - $1.60 billion in rental support and homeless prevention for families.
  - $40 million in grants to local governments

ENCAMPMENT STRATEGY
- The Governor’s Comeback Plan includes more than $50 million in targeted programs and grants to local governments to assist people in moving out of unsafe, unhealthy encampments and into safer, more stable housing.

PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
- Governor Newsom aims to provide stable housing for thousands of transitional aged youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness by targeting resources through Homekey and supporting various youth-focused grant programs.

NEW APPROACHES, MORE ACCOUNTABILITY
- Stronger accountability to ensure money is being well-spent. This starts with a deep-dive assessment of all state and local homeless spending across all of California -- we need to know what’s working and what’s not -- so we can move all our investments into proven strategies and ensure local governments are meeting targets to reduce homelessness.

CLEAN AND TRANSFORM CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES
- On top of the investments for homelessness, the Comeback plan includes a $1.5 billion investment to transform public spaces and clean public spaces near highways. This program includes the creation of an estimated 15,000 jobs, including low-barrier jobs for people experiencing or exiting homelessness, at-risk youth, veterans and those re-entering from incarceration.