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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 802, which requires Sacramento County and the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, and Folsom to participate in and work together to establish a regional housing and homelessness joint powers authority by January 1, 2028.

Homelessness does not stop at jurisdictional boundaries, and no city or county can solve this crisis alone. My administration has invested billions of dollars across California — including significant resources in Sacramento — while advancing regional planning, better alignment of housing and services, shared performance goals, and stronger accountability. Senate Bill 802 builds on this work by providing a durable structure for Sacramento's local governments to plan and act together.

For more than a decade, Sacramento's leaders across the region have worked to strengthen coordination. The City and County entered into a binding partnership agreement in 2022, and over the last year, local governments throughout the region and the Continuum of Care have evaluated governance models and established a planning task force. In June, each of the local governments named in this measure signed a letter of intent affirming their shared commitment to a more coordinated and effective regional approach to housing and homelessness. While a lasting regional entity has not yet been established, this progress demonstrates the region's commitment to working together and the value of a clear timeline for completing that work. I commend the author for her leadership in advancing this effort.

This measure identifies the participating jurisdictions, core responsibilities, and timeline while allowing local officials to develop a governance structure that

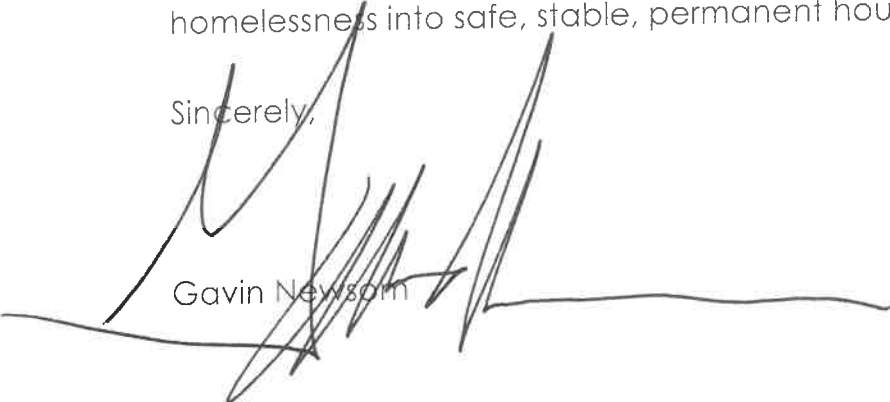


reflects the region's needs. As that work moves forward, participating jurisdictions should clearly define how decisions will be made, how responsibilities and resources will be shared, and how each partner will be accountable for results.

This new authority offers Sacramento an opportunity to build on the important work already underway and strengthen the delivery of housing and services. By establishing a framework for the region to pursue shared goals with clearly defined responsibilities, this partnership can help more people move from homelessness into safe, stable, permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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