



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1165 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop statewide finance plans on homelessness and housing unaffordability, establish related metrics, and update the Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness.

California must continue making strategic investments to prevent and end homelessness and expand affordable housing. But this bill layers a new finance-planning and reporting mandate onto existing work at a time when the state should be focused on delivering programs and measuring results. Further, this bill would require statewide funding estimates based on a static set of conditions, even though housing costs, local housing production, available resources, and Californians' needs change over time.

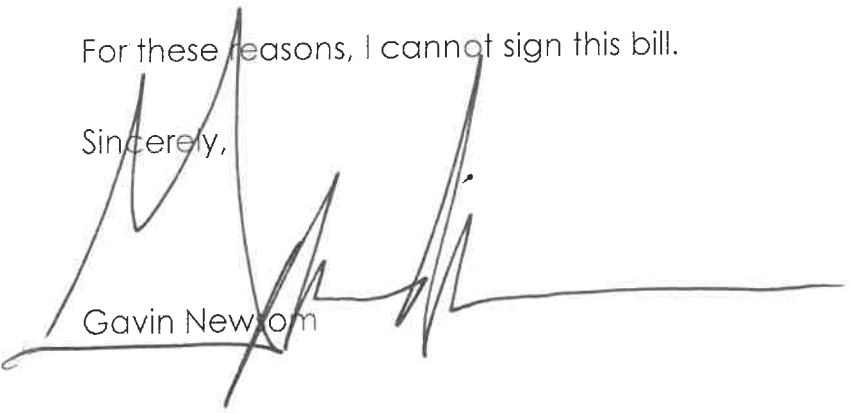
Planning and reporting requirements can be valuable when they fill a clear gap, improve accountability, or provide information that is not otherwise available. But new mandates should meet a high bar and provide a concrete benefit beyond existing efforts. This bill does not meet that important threshold. The state should instead focus its capacity on implementing established plans, evaluating

results, and closing identified gaps rather than adding another planning requirement that substantially overlaps with work already underway.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newcom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newcom', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'G' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.