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March 17, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Deployment of Cabins for Homeless Individuals

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am writing regarding your announcement today to deploy 1,200 cabins to local governments in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose and Sacramento. I appreciate your creative thinking to assist local governments in addressing our biggest challenge – homelessness.

In the past two years, my colleagues and I on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors have taken numerous steps to alleviate homelessness, provide support to our residents in need, and improve the quality of life in our communities. These efforts included funding the creation of new emergency shelter capacity across the region, exploration of public-private partnerships for shelters and emergency housing and expanding mental health and addiction services.

In October 2021, I authored a board letter to create emergency shelter solutions in my district. This effort resulted in the County's first shelter in the unincorporated area, the Magnolia Safe Parking Program, with several additional sites that are currently under evaluation. Last November, Chairwoman Vargas and I co-authored a Board letter to launch a sleeping cabin/tiny home pilot program, which allows the County to collaborate with various nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, and community partners to identify suitable locations for these cabins. The RFP for this pilot program was released on March 3, 2023, and is anticipated to close on March 30, 2023. Your offer to provide small homes and funding for site preparation could greatly assist the County in both of these current efforts.

The state's funding to local governments has been instrumental in advancing our efforts to address homelessness, and today's announcement adds another tool to our toolbelt to address this crisis. I applaud Chairwoman Vargas and County staff for committing to take 150 tiny homes from the state, and I look forward to working with all stakeholders to successfully implement this program. I respectfully request that you work with the

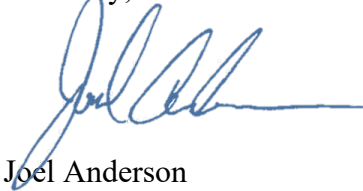
County of San Diego on program flexibility to take advantage of this opportunity and ensure it aligns with all our existing efforts. We need time to work with our community partners on identifying the locations that best meet the needs of their community.

There is no one size fits all solution to homelessness. My commitment to my constituents has always been to work with them to advocate for the appropriate services within their community, rather than imposing something upon them that is of no benefit. What I have learned in these last two years as Supervisor is that finding locations for shelters or temporary housing is challenging and takes time. County staff have worked tirelessly since my October 2021 board letter to identify and evaluate potential shelter locations, and in all that time we've only been able to proceed with and complete one. With this in mind, we're going to need flexibility to implement this thoughtfully and effectively.

Thank you for your commitment to addressing homelessness in our state. I look forward to working together to improve the lives of our mutual constituents.

If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at (619) 531-5522 or joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joel Anderson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joel Anderson
Supervisor, Second District