



Kern County Homeless Collaborative

Partners: United Way of Kern County (program resides here), Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield Homeless Center, CA Veterans Assistance Foundation, Catholic Charities, City of Bakersfield – Community Development, Clinicas Sierra Vista, Casa de Amigos/Griffin's Gate, Community Action Partnership of Kern 2-1-1, Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Golden Empire Affordable Housing, Golden Empire Transit District, Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Mayor Harvey Hall, Housing Authority of Kern Co., Independent Living Center of Kern Co., Kern Around the Clock, Kern Co. Dept. of Human Services, Kern Co. Dept. of Mental Health, Kern Co. Superintendent of Schools, Legacy Village, Saint Vincent de Paul, Stewards, The Mission at Kern Co., Women's Center High Desert

Note from Jessica: United Way doesn't do a whole lot of actual advocacy work around policies and legislation at the moment. A lot of the work being done is really education and awareness for our local and state government officials—making sure they are aware of the realities of homelessness and also what best practices to ending homelessness are. Anytime there is a conversation around ending homelessness and best practices, housing is ALWAYS a part of the conversation. Keeping on top of state and federal legislation that affects homelessness and educate our CoC as a whole to what could potentially be coming is also a priority. We want to see homelessness remain a top issue and a priority at the state and local level.

United to End Homelessness – Orange County

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Partners: Faith Leaders Council (consists of various religious leaders), 2-1-1 Orange County, American Family Housing, Build Futures, Chrysalis, City Net, Families Forward, Family Assistance Ministries, Grandma's House of Hope, HIS House Homeless Intervention Shelter, HomeAid Orange County, Illumination Foundation, Jamboree, Mental Health Association of Orange County, Mercy House, Orangewood Foundation, Our Father's Table, Pathways of Hope, People for Housing – OC YIMBY, Precious Life Shelter, Project Hope Alliance, Santa Ana Housing Authority, Serving People in Need, Share Our Selves, South County Outreach, StandUp for Kids, The Kennedy Commission, The Orange County Burrito Project, The Salvation Army, Thomas House Family Shelter, WISEPlace

United Way of the Bay Area

Advocacy notes from Jack: UWBA has built out its advocacy platform around affordable housing over the past 2 years, and it does not yet include homelessness, but working towards it. UWBA started off by endorsing funding measures, like CA Props 1 & 2, as well as local measures, such as AI in Oakland. UWBA built from that, and in 2018, staff started a coalition to advocate for affordable housing through inclusionary zoning and density zoning ordinances in Contra Costa County. This expansion of the affordable housing policy agenda took longer to build out and involved multiple discussions with the Board and Policy Committee but was approved. Since then, work has been done with the E.D. of EveryOne Home, the lead homeless service provider in Alameda County, to present at

the Board's Policy Committee. She dispelled common myths around homelessness and talked about how the homelessness and housing crisis are interlinked, that homelessness is the worst outcome of housing unaffordability. Summaries were provided and a brief analysis of some legislative options, including COPA, and have since done a full analysis of COPA and it has been approved by the United Way Bay Area CEO. COPA is a policy that grants nonprofit affordable housing developers and property managers to compete with private investors, when purchasing existing residential property. It falls under the protection and preservation approaches to the housing crisis. Other bills being tracked this year, including SB 50 (Weiner) and AB 1486 (Ting), which would strengthen the CA Surplus Land Act, as well as AB 10 (Chui), which would increase funding of the LIHTC by \$500 million annually, with \$25 million dedicated to farmworker housing.

United Way of Greater Los Angeles – Everyone In

Supported county ballot initiative, Proposition HHH which raised \$1.2Billion general obligation bond through property taxes (about \$33 a year from each homeowner). Money to finance 10,000 united of permanent supportive housing over 10-year period.

Launched Everyone In in 2018, a community engagement initiative powered by a coalition of philanthropic, business, labor and community organizations.

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Partners: A Community of friends, Abundant Housing LA, Ground Up Communications, Housing Long Beach, Image LA, LA Family Housing, Housing Works of California, LA Voice, Miss Rodgers' Neighborhood, PATH making It Home, PATH Ventures, The People Concern, St. Joseph Center, Shelter Partnership, South bay Coalition to End Homelessness, Stephen Wise Temple, Valley Beth Shalom

Ambassadors: A Place Called Home, Chrysalis, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles, Downtown Women's Center, Hollywood Community Housing, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition, Mid City West Community Council, Hope Through Housing Foundation, New Life Community Church, Urban Community Outreach, Venice Community Housing

Ally: All Peoples Community Center, All Saints Church, Act LA, California Community Foundation, California Green Press, Community Coalition, Community Corp. of Santa Monica, Dolores Mission, East LA Community Corp., HOPICS, Jovenes, Labor Community Strategy Center, League of Women Voters' of Los Angeles, Long Beach Forward, Libre, Los Angeles Black Worker Center, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Pacoima Beautiful, Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, Public Counsel, RareBird, St. Barnabas Senior Services, St. John the Baptist, Churches Assisting Neighbors Network – San Gabriel Valley, Southern California Association of Non Profit Housing, So Cal ROC, SAJE, Watts Labor Community Action Committee, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, West Hollywood Community Housing Corp., Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services

United Ways of California

Bills Recommended for Support

- **AB 67 (Rivas) Individuals or Families who are Homeless: Definition:** Requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to develop and recommend in a report to the Legislature, a standard definition of homeless and at risk of homelessness for purposes of providing programs and

services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. **In Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee**

- **SB 48 (Wiener) Interim Housing Intervention Developments:** Requires that an interim housing intervention development be a use by right if it meets specified requirements. Authorizes these developments to include recuperative or respite care, motel vouchers, navigation centers, and emergency shelters. Requires these developments to provide privacy, accommodations for people with disabilities, and services to connect people to permanent housing. **Passed Senate Housing Committee (8 to 0 to 3), Passed Governance & Finance Committee (6 to 0 to 1), referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee, hearing set for 4/24**
- **SB 50 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Housing Development Incentives:** Establishes an incentive to allow developers to bypass certain local zoning restrictions when building multi-family units that are near transit or employment opportunities in exchange for allocating a portion of the units as affordable. **Passed Senate Housing Committee (9 to 1 to 1), In Governance & Finance Committee, hearing set for 4/24**
- **SB 248 (Glazer) Taxation: Renters Credit:** Would provide financial relief to 2.4 million low- and middle-income renters by increasing and restructuring the renter's tax credit to give more relief to filers with dependents. **In Senate Governance and Finance Committee, hearing set for 5/1**
- **AB 344 (Calderon) New Beginnings California Program:** Establishes the New Beginnings California Program in the Department of Community Services and Development and creates the New Beginnings California Account for the purpose of providing matching grant funding to cities and local continuum of care programs to implement, expand, or continue employment programs for homeless individuals. **In Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, hearing set for 4/24**
- **SB 573 (Chang) Homeless Emergency Aid Program: Funding:** This bill would continuously appropriate the sum of \$250,000,000 from the General Fund to be used to provide an allocation of funds to administrative entities under the program. The bill would specify an allocation formula based on the homeless point-in-time count for each administrative entity and require administrative entities to apply for funding in a manner similar to existing provisions of the program. **Passed Senate Housing Committee (9 to 1 to 1), In Senate Appropriations Committee, hearing set for 4/22**

Other Bills dealing with Homelessness

- **SB 687 (Rubio) Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council:** Existing law requires the Governor to create the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to, among other things, identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California and to serve as a statewide facilitator, coordinator, and policy development resource on ending homelessness in California. This bill would instead require the Governor to appoint up to 20 members of the council and would require the Governor to additionally appoint a formerly homeless college student, a formerly homeless veteran, and a formerly homeless parent, who live in California to be members of the council. The bill would also require the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to provide training to members of the council who are, or have been, homeless on how to be active, contributing participants of the council. **Passed Senate Human Services Committee (6 to 0), referred to Senate Housing Committee**
- **AB 728 (Santiago) – Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams:** This bill would expand the goals of the homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team to include facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of individuals at risk of homelessness, as defined, to

housing and supportive services, and the expedited prevention of homelessness, and to allow members of the team to access and share the confidential information. The bill would make conforming changes to related provisions with regard to the prevention of homelessness. **Passed Assembly Human Services Committee (8 to 0), referred to Assembly Human Services Committee**

- **AB 1534 (Wicks) – Regional Homeless Management Planning Act:** This bill would enact the Regional Homeless Management Planning Act, which would require the department, on or before December 31, 2020, to develop standards and definitions for a county to use in developing regional homeless action plans, as specified. The bill would require a county to complete and submit to the department a Regional Homeless Action Plan on or before January 1, 2022, and every 2 years thereafter, as specified. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. **In Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee**
- **AB 694 (Irwin) – Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2019:** This bill would enact the Veteran Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2019 to authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount to provide additional funding for the VHPA. The bill would provide for the handling and disposition of the funds in the same manner as the 2014 bond act. **Passed Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee (7 to 0 to 1), referred to Veterans Affairs Committee**
- **AB 10 (Chiu) – Income Taxes: Credits Low-Income Housing: Farmworker Housing:** This bill, under the law governing the taxation of insurers, the Personal Income Tax Law, and the Corporation Tax Law, for calendar years beginning in 2020, would increase the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by an additional \$500,000,000, as specified, and would allocate to farmworker housing projects \$25,000,000 per year of that amount. The bill, under those laws, would modify the definition of applicable percentage relating to qualified low-income buildings to depend on whether the building is a new or existing building and federally subsidized, or a building that is, among other things, at least 15 years old, serving households of very low income or extremely low income, and will complete substantial rehabilitation, as specified. **Passed Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee 8 to 0, In Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee**
- **AB 1486 (Ting) – Local Agencies: Surplus Land:** This bill would expand the definition of “local agency” to include sewer, water, utility, and local and regional park districts, joint powers authorities, successor agencies to former redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, and other political subdivisions of this state and any instrumentality thereof that is empowered to acquire and hold real property, thereby requiring these entities to comply with these requirements for the disposal of surplus land. The bill would specify that the term “district” includes all districts within the state, and that this change is declaratory of existing law. The bill would revise the definition of “surplus land” to mean land owned by any local agency that is not necessary for the agency’s governmental operations, except property being held by the agency expressly for the purpose of exchange for another property necessary for its governmental operations and would provide that land is presumed to be surplus land when a local agency initiates an action to dispose of it. The bill would provide that “surplus land” for these purposes includes land held in the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund and land that has been designated in the long-range property management plan, either for sale or for retention, for future development, as specified. The bill would also broaden the definition of “exempt surplus land” to include specified types of lands or conveyances. **Passed Assembly Local Government Committee (6 to 2), referred to Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, hearing set for 4/24**
- **SB 744 (Caballero) – Planning and Zoning: California Environmental Quality Act: Permanent Supportive Housing: No Place Like Home Program:** This bill clarifies that supportive housing, as

defined, may be a use by right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, as specified. This bill also provides that No Place Like Home (NPLH) projects, as specified, shall not constitute a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **Passed Senate Housing Committee (8 to 1 to 2), Passed Senate Governance & Finance Committee (6 to 1), referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee**

- **SB 450 (Umberg) – California Environmental Quality Act Exemption: Supportive and Transitional Housing: Motel Conversion:** This bill would exempt from CEQA, projects related to the conversion of a structure with a certificate of occupancy as a motel, hotel, apartment hotel, transient occupancy residential structure, or hostel to supportive housing or transitional housing, as defined. Because the lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. **Passed Senate Environmental Quality Committee (6 to 0 to 1), referred to Senate Appropriations Committee**
- **AB 816 (Quirk-Silva) – California Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Program:** This bill would establish the California Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of making grants available to applicants, defined to include a city, county, city and county, or continuum of care, for eligible activities including, among other things, rental assistance, operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, and specified outreach services. The bill would continuously appropriate \$450,000,000 from the General Fund every fiscal year to the department for purposes of the program and set forth how these funds must be allocated. The bill would require the department to, on or before January 1, 2023, and every year thereafter, evaluate the outcomes of the program and report the outcomes to the Senate Committee on Housing and the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development. **In Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, hearing set for 4/24**
- **AB 1188 (Gabriel) – Dwelling United: Persons at Risk of Homelessness:** This bill would authorize a tenant to temporarily permit the occupancy of their dwelling unit by a person who is at risk of homelessness, as defined, for no more than 12 months, regardless of the terms of the lease, without negative repercussions from the owner or landlord of the property. The bill would authorize an owner or landlord to adjust the rent payable under the lease by a maximum unspecified percentage amount as compensation during the time the person who is at risk of homelessness is occupying the dwelling unit and would require the terms regarding the rent payable in those circumstances to be agreed to in writing by both parties. The bill would provide that occupancy by a person at risk of homelessness is not permissible if the addition of another person in the dwelling unit would violate the building's occupancy limits or other applicable building standards. The bill would permit an owner or landlord to request a background check from the person who is at risk of homelessness that is seeking to occupy the unit. The bill would not apply to any federally funded or assisted low-income housing. **In Assembly Judiciary Committee**
- **AB 307 (Reyes) – Homeless Youth: Grant Program:** This bill would require the council to develop and administer a grant program to support young people experiencing homelessness and prevent and end homelessness. The program would be funded by a combination of funds provided to the council by the State Department of Health Care Services from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account, funds appropriated by the Legislature, and gifts and donations made to the council for that purpose. **Passed Assembly Human Services Committee 8 to 0, in Assembly Appropriations Committee, referred to Appropriations suspense file**
- **SB 18 (Skinner) – Keep Californians Housed Act:** his bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would make an unspecified sum available to HCD, to be used to provide statewide competitive grants under the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program, as provided. The bill would require an administrative entity to use these grant funds for rental assistance and legal aid, as provided. The

bill would require an administrative entity that applies to receive a grant under this bill's provisions to demonstrate in its application that the primary expenditure will be rental assistance and limit the use of these funds used for administrative costs, as defined, related to the planning and execution of eligible activities to 10% of the amount of the grant. **Passed Senate Housing Committee (8 to 0 to 3), referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, hearing set for 4/23**

- **AB 725 (Rubio) – Veterans Rental Housing:** This bill would require the department to establish a rental housing assistance program to provide financial assistance to veterans seeking rental housing, based on the needs of the veterans. The bill would require the department to coordinate the program with existing state and federal veterans' services and to provide detailed information about the program in a publication, as specified. The bill would additionally appropriate an unspecified sum to the department for the purposes of establishing this program. **In Senate Veterans Affairs Committee**