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## **Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Welcomes Laurie Berman to Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council**

Sacramento – The California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) is pleased to welcome Laurie Berman to the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council following [her appointment](#) yesterday by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Berman, who is the director of the California Department of Transportation, will serve on the council as the representative from her department, where she has served in a number of positions since 1983.

“Laurie brings a wealth of transportation experience and knowledge to the council,” said Alexis Podesta, BCSH Secretary and Chair of the council. “Her background and perspective will be immensely valuable to the council as it works to reduce and prevent homelessness in California.”

The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council was created in 2017 to oversee the implementation of “Housing First” policies, guidelines and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California. On July 1, 2018 the council was expanded and moved to BCSH and provided with staff to evaluate grant proposals. Currently, the council is working to provide \$500 million in one-time funding for emergency aid to enable local governments to respond to homelessness.

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