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California Teams Up with Biden-Harris Administration to Tackle Unsheltered Homelessness

SACRAMENTO – Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez today announced that California is teaming up with the White House and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) to participate in ALL INside, a first-of-its kind initiative to address unsheltered homelessness. (Watch the event live at 11 a.m. PDT on YouTube: https://youtube.com/live/f9KRmjJ qCg)

As part of ALL INside, California will partner with USICH and its 19 federal member agencies for up to two years to strengthen and accelerate the state's efforts to move unsheltered people into homes, where they can recover from the trauma of homelessness and rebuild their lives.

"California will focus our ALL INside partnership on unhoused veterans, youth, and older adults because there is a pronounced need and profound opportunities to take real action to serve them," said Secretary Castro Ramírez. "Our collaboration with the federal government will build on the foundation we have already put in place in California to address homelessness and build more affordable housing, faster."

Since 2019, the state has invested over \$17 billion to assist local governments in addressing homelessness, such as funding that financed approximately 60,000 units of permanent affordable housing and an additional 24,000 units currently in the construction pipeline. These long-term capital investments have been complemented by flexible homelessness aid that provides services and supports to result in an effective model of housing and services.

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Despite the decrease in state revenue, investments in homelessness continue to be prioritized in the Governor's May Revise, with \$3.7 billion in funding for homelessness programs.

ALL INside is part of <u>All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness</u>, which set a bold goal to reduce homelessness 25% by 2025 and ultimately build a country where every person has a safe and affordable home.

To accelerate ongoing efforts by local leaders, the Biden-Harris Administration will offer innovative and tailored support to participating communities for up to two years, including by:

- Embedding a dedicated federal official in each community to accelerate locallydriven strategies and enact system-level changes to reduce unsheltered homelessness;
- Deploying dedicated teams across the federal government to identify opportunities for regulatory relief and flexibilities, navigate federal funding streams, and facilitate a peer learning network across the communities; and
- Convening philanthropy, the private sector, and other communities to identify opportunities for follow-on support and collaboration.

In addition, the Administration will launch new cross-cutting policy efforts to address major barriers to housing, health care, and other support for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, as mentioned in the <u>ALL INside White House Fact Sheet</u> and <u>USICH Announcement</u> released today.

Ambassador Susan Rice, the White House Domestic Policy Advisor; Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough, the chair of USICH; and USICH Executive Director Jeff Olivet will launch *ALL INside* in Washington, D.C., along with local leaders, including Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez.