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California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
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**RE: Statewide Stakeholder Recommendations for Strengthened State Leadership of
California's Coordinated Entry (CE) Systems**

Dear State Partners,

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our support for strengthened State leadership to improve the performance, consistency, and equity of California's Coordinated Entry (CE) systems. As stakeholders from across the homelessness response system, we see firsthand the essential role that CE plays in ensuring that supportive housing reaches the individuals and families who need it most.

Over the past decade, communities across California have made significant strides in designing and refining CE systems. Local systems have improved documentation readiness, reduced vacancies, and enhanced coordination among partners. However, communities continue to face substantial barriers that cannot be resolved at the local level alone.

We envision a more proactive, aligned, and solution-oriented role for the State of California in strengthening CE implementation. We see this is an opportune moment to redefine the role of the State in this area, given the oppositional role of the federal government and existing efforts to strengthen State infrastructure through the creation of the California Housing and Homelessness Agency. While we acknowledge that additional resourcing is a critical piece of this puzzle, in light of current and projected budgetary constraints, we have identified strategies that seek to maximize the use of existing housing and homelessness resources.

We endorse the following recommendations for State action, as described in detail in the attached memo:

Recommendation #1: Uplift Coordinated Entry best practices that have been proven successful in multiple high-performing Continuums of Care to encourage communities to adopt standardized practices.

Recommendation #2: Leverage State resources and policymaking to support communities to prepare supportive housing referrals with appropriate eligibility verifications for housing placement.

Recommendation #3: Mitigate or remove regulatory constraints that can limit supportive housing referral eligibility and availability.

Recommendation #4: Provide compliance coordination with local governments and CoCs as they pursue and implement system-level process improvements.

Recommendation #5: Support enhancement of local data quality by providing technical assistance, sharing best practice examples, and streamlining reporting requirements.

Collectively, these actions would help local systems house more Californians more quickly, improve long-term supportive housing viability, and ensure that existing state-assisted housing resources are used as efficiently and equitably as possible.

We would also like to uplift **four critical implementation actions** in furtherance of the above recommendations, that we believe should be the near-term priorities of the State to strengthen local pathways into supportive housing:

1. Provide guidance and best practice examples to Continuums of Care to reduce unnecessary variation in local regulations and uplift successful strategies to address shared challenges, including around data reporting and transparency (Recommendations #1, #5A, #5B)
2. Convene a regular working group of staff from the state housing finance agencies (e.g., TCAC, HDFC, etc.), local CoC/CE lead agency staff, and housing providers to build relationships, trouble-shoot shared problems, and provide input on future state action (Recommendations #2B, #3A, #4A, #4C)
3. Revise capital funding guidelines and compliance standards to expand flexibility for both housing applicants and developers, such as through removing documentation requirements, expanding unnecessarily restrictive population definitions, and adopting opportunities for targeting relief (Recommendations #2C, #3D, #3E)

4. Review existing performance metrics associated with housing and homelessness programs to identify opportunities to further standardize data collection and unify key performance indicators (Recommendation #5C)

Thank you for your leadership and partnership as we work toward the shared goal of ensuring every Californian has a safe place to call home.

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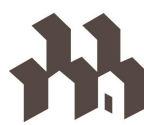


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