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Senator Sabrina Cervantes
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 7330
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2146 (Stefani) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Cervantes,

The undersigned organizations are pleased to support Assembly Bill 2146, which will speed up housing placements and reduce the length of vacancies in permanent supportive housing by removing unnecessary documentation requirements. This will help address unacceptable delays for people experiencing homelessness, and expensive vacancies for mission-driven affordable housing providers who operate on thin margins.

AB 2146 would create a "Direct Access to Supportive Housing" (DASH) designation for non-federally funded affordable housing units that receive referrals through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to remove documentation requirements including housing history documentation, a third party verification of homelessness, or landlord referrals. These requirements are incredibly burdensome for individuals experiencing homelessness to fulfill, so removing them allows individuals to access supportive housing with significantly less delays.

In California, under SB 1380 (Mitchell, 2016), homeless applicants cannot be denied supportive housing due to poor or inconsistent housing history. However, state funding programs still require that applicants provide documentation related to their housing history, including third-party verification of homelessness, two years of rental history, and, in some cases, landlord or personal references. These programs often copy federal or other documentation requirement practices voluntarily, even though they are not legally required to.

Additionally, these documentation requirements are often duplicative as potential tenants are matched to these housing units by the local CES or an equivalent referral system, which already screens the tenants and prioritizes individuals based on need. CES is designed to only serve people experiencing homelessness. Individuals must attend an in-person homelessness and vulnerability assessment with trained staff in order to receive a placement on a housing queue. Existing documentation requirements to prove homelessness and housing history are thus duplicative or irrelevant. For applicants who have risen to the top of the CES queue due to the severity and chronicity of their situation, these repetitive documentation requirements only slow down the process of becoming housed.

For these reasons, our organizations are proud to support AB 2146.

Sincerely

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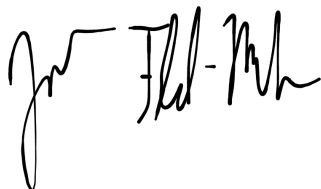
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