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Mr. Paul Carlson, Regional Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

As members of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Interagency Council on Homelessness, we respectfully submit California's Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan (Action Plan).

In October 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger established the Interagency Council on Homelessness for the purpose of creating the State's Action Plan and better coordinating services and resources to address homelessness. The Council began its work with each of the Council participants holding initial stakeholder listening sessions throughout California. Then, in June 2006, the Council conducted a facilitated, intensive three-day meeting in which over 110 representative stakeholders from federal, state and local government, non-profit organizations and the private sector participated in the initial drafting of solution-oriented strategies to address chronic homelessness.

The strategies identified in the June 2006 session were refined into the draft Action Plan, which was circulated to the Interagency Council in September 2006 and March 2007, and re-circulated to statewide stakeholders for comment via the Governor's Office of Planning and Research website during April and May 2007. The final draft was provided to participating state agencies and departments in early July 2007.

Since 2007, state agencies and departments have continued to use the final draft Action Plan as guidance to track their efforts toward its goals and strategies and have made progress in meeting the Action Plan goals. Despite current economic challenges, progress has been strong in many areas, including production of permanent and supportive housing for those transitioning out of homelessness, housing for homeless and at-risk youth exiting foster care and housing for the homeless mentally ill. Although the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness website shows California's Council and Action Plan efforts are "in progress", the coordinating effort among the multiple departments have not stopped.

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This final plan submission reflects the formal adoption of the final draft Action Plan that state agencies and departments have used to coordinate and track California's many efforts to address homelessness since the development of the Action Plan.

We look forward to working with you on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



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