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## **KEY PROPOSALS FROM THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS ("THE DAVIS REPORT"): HOUSING**

- ✓ Expand the Department of Social Services contracts for the Outpatient Substance Abuse Program for Low-Income Women and Their Children to provide a supportive housing subsidy component for women who successfully complete treatment.
- ✓ Establish a goal of creating 11,250 units of supportive housing by 2010 using funds from the housing bond (Prop 46) and other sources.
  - ◆ Convene a working group of state and local agencies to develop an accurate assessment of the need for supportive housing and recommend how to meet this need. The working group should include HCD, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the California Housing Finance Agency, the California Debt Limit Advisory Committee, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Corrections, the Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing authorities, redevelopment agencies, local housing officials, and advocates for the homeless. Among the issues the working group should consider are:
    - Options for developing a permanent source of capital funding for supportive housing
    - Giving increased priority for supportive housing from existing state and federal housing resources
    - Giving increased priority for supportive housing from the Low and Moderate Income Housing portion of redevelopment agency funds
    - Methods for utilizing California's uncommitted federal rental assistance for supportive housing
    - Methods for providing services to residents of supportive housing
    - In conjunction with DMH and the California Health and Human Services Agency Research Council or other similar research entity, ways to evaluate the effectiveness of supportive housing
- ✓ Amend state law to more closely integrate fair housing law with laws related to local land use approval.
- ✓ Prescribe local permit processing standards for supportive housing and emergency shelters.
- ✓ For development applications for supportive housing for more than six individuals, or for emergency shelters, expand the authority of an existing state agency or establish a new or subsidiary state-chartered entity authorized to review local government land use decisions.
  - ◆ The entity could do the following:
    - Review and make overriding determinations regarding any local government action on development applications for supportive housing for more than six individuals or for emergency shelter
    - Have exclusive jurisdiction for specified supportive housing or emergency shelter applications of a minimum size or service threshold in jurisdictions without a certified housing element

- Include representation from federal, state, and local housing officials or representatives of agencies that provide housing and social services to individuals and groups in need of supportive housing and emergency shelter
  - Function on a regional basis within the state, either rotating meetings throughout the state (similar to the Coastal Commission), or with regional offices with
    - separate representation for each region (similar to the Water Resources Control Board)
  - Develop multi-jurisdictional agreements with localities regarding emergency shelter and supportive housing siting that provides for the expedient selection of appropriate sites and development and service delivery standards within each region of the state
- ✓ Establish a Base Conversion Committee to monitor the conversion of closed military bases and support homeless service providers by requiring cities and counties to include them in the conversion process.
    - ◆ Committee members would include the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the departments of Housing and Community Development, Social Services, and Toxic Substances Control.
  - ✓ Submit a waiver to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for authorization for local contractors to implement a shallow rent subsidy program using existing funds available through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program.
  - ✓ Expand state support of collaborative planning activities for the development of integrated housing assistance and service delivery and maximization of available resources.
    - ◆ Possible partner departments in this effort include the departments of Housing and Community Development, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Mental Health, Social Services, and Corrections.
  - ✓ Establish the Veterans Homes Division Homelessness Task Force within the Department of Veterans Affairs.