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Dear Chairs Wiener, Gabriel, Cabaldon, and Quirk-Silva:

The City of Paramount urges the Legislature to invest at least \$1 billion in ongoing funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. This critical investment, along with a seventh round of HHAP this fiscal year, will support Californians in securing housing and prevent more individuals from being forced to live on the streets, under bridges, or in their cars.

Thanks to the HHAP program, between January 2023 and June 2024, local communities have connected over 225,000 Californians to shelter, services, and housing. Over 50,000 Californians exited homelessness for good during that period through permanent housing because of HHAP. The investments in this program have reduced the increases in homelessness that California experienced in 2023 and 2024 to a point that they were less than the increases experienced by the nation as a whole.

Building on this progress is essential. State investments have helped local governments increase their services to unhoused residents, but more people are falling into homelessness than our systems can serve. The State's Homeless Data Integration System shows that over 187,000 Californians fell into homelessness in 2023 alone.

The City of Paramount supports policies that provide equitable distribution of Federal, State, and regional funding, ensuring that cities like ours receive our fair share to address pressing housing and homelessness challenges. Additionally, our legislative priorities emphasize the importance of funding opportunities that support housing stability and municipal services aimed at improving residents' quality of life.

One-time funding inhibits effective service delivery, prevents long-term planning efforts, and stifles more ambitious statewide goals. An ongoing investment of at least \$1 billion from the state would have transformative effects, allowing local governments to scale homelessness prevention solutions, provide vital support to thousands of Californians currently experiencing homelessness, and generate more permanent housing. Put quite simply, ongoing funding would transform HHAP into a more reliable, effective program that would allow local governments to bend the curve of homelessness in our state.

Ongoing funding also provides a critical accountability tool for all levels of government to ensure the best possible outcomes from HHAP dollars. The City of Paramount recognizes that there must be continued conversations to ensure that HHAP retains meaningful accountability provisions.

Collaboration across all levels of government is vital to achieving the shared State and local goals of addressing homelessness and fostering thriving communities. For these reasons, the City of Paramount urges the Legislature to prioritize ongoing funding for the HHAP program to ensure continued progress in addressing homelessness and improving the quality of life for all Californians. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. On behalf of the City of Paramount, we thank you for your time and consideration

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