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The Honorable Mia Bonta
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 569 (Blakespear) Department of Transportation: homeless encampments. Notice of SUPPORT (As Introduced 02/20/25)

Dear Senator Blakespear,

The City of Paramount is pleased to support SB 569 (Blakespear), which would increase communication between the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and local governments to address encampments on State property.

In November 2024, the Governor issued an executive order directing State departments and agencies to adopt policies to address homeless encampments on State properties and encouraging local governments to do the same. Since then, cities have been hard at work addressing encampments in their communities and connecting more people than ever to housing and services.

However, despite being committed to working with Caltrans, cities continue to face delays and communication barriers when seeking support on this matter. These delays can hinder timely interventions and exacerbate risks to both unhoused individuals and the broader community.

As a small, densely populated city with limited open space and several State-owned corridors both running through and adjacent to our boundaries, Paramount has experienced significant challenges coordinating with Caltrans to address encampments on State property. The City has encountered long response times, unclear and often-changing points of contact, and inconsistent communication regarding cleanup schedules and safety assessments. These delays have prolonged unsafe conditions near major arterials, created public safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists, and limited the City's ability to connect individuals to services in a timely manner. SB 569 would provide Paramount with structured communication, predictable timelines, and the collaborative planning needed to ensure that encampments on State-owned land are addressed swiftly, safely, and in coordination with local outreach efforts.

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SB 569 would address these challenges by requiring Caltrans to develop locally tailored plans for homeless encampments on State-owned land. It would also require the department to establish advisory committees in each Caltrans district, set clear timelines, streamline the contracting process, and provide additional funding to better help transition people into shelter and services.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount is pleased to support SB 569 (Blakespear). Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

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