

May 7, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 3085 (Calderon) New Beginnings California Program. – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of AB 3085 (Calderon) which would establish the New Beginnings California Program (Program) to provide matching funds to cities and local continuum of care programs to implement, expand, or continue employment programs for homeless individuals. The bill would define city for purposes of the bill to include a city, county, or a city and county.

AB 3085 would establish the Local Homelessness Solutions Program to provide matching funds to create innovative and immediate solutions to the problems caused by homelessness including state and local social services and healthcare systems. This bill would provide an unspecified amount appropriated from the General Fund for the program and apportion funds based on each city or county's most recent total homeless population as reported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program.

Addressing homelessness continues to be a top priority for our County. Homelessness is a complex issue that crosses city and county boundaries, and the needs of the homeless are many. Counties are tasked by the state with providing the core services needed to address homelessness including food benefits, housing assistance, behavioral health services, shelter, and health care to the homeless in our communities.

AB 3085 provides resources our County needs to address homelessness. For these reasons, Monterey County is pleased to support AB 3085.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Ian Calderon, California State Assembly  
Members, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
Jennifer Swenson, Principal Consultant, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate  
The Honorable Anthony Cannella, California State Senate  
The Honorable Anna Caballero, California State Assembly

The Honorable Mark Stone, California State Assembly  
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