



## Sacramento City Council – Action Briefing and Contact Tool Kit

### EXECUTIVE BRIEF:

Homelessness in the City and County of Sacramento has grown exponentially worse, with Sacramento County's homeless population increasing nearly 70% in just three years. Thousands of people sleep on the streets every day in inhumane and unsafe conditions. Businesses and communities are struggling with encampments and the issues associated with them, including garbage, mental health, drug crises, and crime.

We need our City and County leaders to do what they were elected to do and LEAD. Unfortunately, the County has yet to act to pass a comprehensive policy that includes enforcement and services. While our city agreed to place a ballot initiative on the November ballot that would allow for enforcement of anti-camping laws once shelter has been offered, they are now considering pulling that measure from the ballot and maintaining the status quo. More specifically, they are threatening to either pull the measure or put language in that allows the City to DO NOTHING unless the County passes a similar measure.

Fighting and finger pointing between the City and County has to stop. Both are responsible for providing shelter and for enforcing anti-camping laws.

### WHAT CAN I DO?

Make your voice heard! Call and/or send an email to your City and County elected officials urging them to take action to alleviate homelessness in our region.

### WHAT CAN I SAY WHEN I CALL INTO A CITY COUNCIL MEETING OR CALL MY COUNCILMEMBER?

- Hello, I am [NAME] and I am your constituent.
- Homelessness is the number one crisis facing our City and our region. The City Council took action to begin to address this crisis by passing the Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022 in April.
- Now, we learn you are threatening to water down the measure or pull it from the ballot, alleviating yourself and the City from any real responsibility to address homelessness.
- This is unacceptable behavior and shows a disconnect between your priorities and the priorities of the people who elected you.
- I strongly encourage you to keep the Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022 on the ballot as passed in April, without tying its enactment to the County.
- Thank you.

### HOW CAN I FIND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MY COUNCILMEMBER?

You can find your City Council representative by entering your address in the [City's Find Your Representative Page](#) or see our list on page 2



## HOW DO I MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT IN A CITY COUNCIL MEETING IF IT'S HELD ONLINE?

To make public comment, use the following process:

1. Reference [the agenda for the Tuesday, August 9th Special City Council Meeting](#) located on the City's agenda website.
  - a. Click on the Zoom link at the top of the page to join this meeting. You can also join by clicking: [Here](#).
  - b. Once in Zoom, use the "[Raise Your Hand](#)" function IMMEDIATELY when **Agenda Item #1** is announced to be placed in line to make public comment.
  - c. Once it is your turn, you will be un-muted and allotted 2 minutes to make public comment.
2. You can submit written public comment to this email: [publiccomment@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityofsacramento.org)
  - a. Please include **Agenda Item #1** in the Subject Line of the email.

More information can be found at this [Public Comment Fact Sheet](#).

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