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City of Arts & Innovation

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The Honorable Chris R. Holden
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2547 (Nazarian) - Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act – As Amended 3/23/2022 - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Holden:

On behalf of the City of Riverside, I write to express our support for AB 2547 (Nazarian), legislation that would create the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program.

Older adults have become the fastest growing age group experiencing homelessness in California, with 45% of California's homeless individuals now age 50 and older. Moreover, as individuals experiencing homelessness age, they are more likely to incur increasingly greater health care costs from hospitalization and nursing home placement. Similarly, because people with disabilities are far more likely to live in poverty, about 43% of those experiencing homelessness are living with a disability.

AB 2547 advances the Master Plan for Aging goals and seeks to prevent and end homelessness among older adults. This legislation would create a targeted housing stabilization program for low-income seniors and people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness so they may afford housing on the rental market.

For these reasons, the City of Riverside supports AB 2547. If you have questions regarding the City's position, please contact Chekesha Gilliam, Intergovernmental Relations Officer at (951) 826-2419 or CGilliam@riversideca.gov.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lock Dawson
Mayor
City of Riverside

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
City of Riverside Legislative Delegation