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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: 10-Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On May 6, 2008, the legislature convened an informational forum on homelessness. The forum's agenda was focused on your administration's progress on implementing the strategies outlined in your Draft 10-Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan, and to inquire as to why this plan has not yet been formally adopted.

It has been nearly two years since your policy summit on homelessness in Asilomar and one year since the deadline to submit comments on your draft 10-Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan, and homelessness advocates throughout the state are growing increasingly concerned that the plan will never be formally adopted.

We appreciate the work that has already been done to develop a framework to address chronic homelessness. We recommend you take the following three actions to demonstrate your commitment to this important issue:

1. Assign a member of your staff to coordinate all action pertaining to the plan and its implementation.
2. Review all of the previous comments submitted last year.
3. Adopt the plan.

A formal adoption of your plan will help provide needed attention to the issue of homelessness, provide support and guidance to those communities implementing their own local plans, and demonstrate that you have not forgotten the hard work that took place in Asilomar nearly two years ago.

Housing California is pleased that your administration has taken the first step in developing a comprehensive plan to address the important societal issue of chronic homelessness. We believe that the above recommendations will give the Interagency Council and state agencies the best opportunities for success

in achieving the stated goals. We hope that you will continue to provide strong leadership and a focus on homelessness that will result in the increased resources needed to achieve the goals of your Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan.

Sincerely,

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