

April 19, 2019

The Honorable Miguel Santiago
State Capitol #6027
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1197 (Santiago) - Support if Amended - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: local and regional housing projects and emergency shelters.

Dear Assemblymember Santiago,

On behalf of BizFed, a grassroots alliance of more than 180 business organizations representing 400,000 employers with over 3.5 million employees in Los Angeles County, we are writing to express our support for AB 1197 (Santiago) if amended. We believe amendment's language will help to deliver the critical supportive housing projects that taxpayers have voted for at the ballot box.

BizFed would like to see amendments that strengthen language to include all supportive housing projects, including suggestions such as converting motels to supportive and transitional housing.

For the past 3 years, BizFed actively endorsed and supported Los Angeles County voter approved initiatives. In November 2016, 76% of voters supported City of Los Angeles Measure HHH, a \$1.2 B bond measure that will create 10,000 units of supportive housing over the next decade. In March 2017, 69% voters supported Los Angeles County Measure H, a quarter-cent sales tax that will sunset in 10 years specifically programed to reduce homelessness by building more supportive housing including wrap-around services.

Los Angeles County already has the second highest concentration of homeless individuals in the United States. When these critical supportive and transitional housing projects are delayed via CEQA lawsuits due to neighborhood opposition, less housing will be built at higher costs and the homelessness crisis will increase. This also reduces the effectiveness of the wraparound services that will be provided to people currently living on the streets and need a path towards success.

BizFed is actively contributing positive solutions that tackles some of our most pressing issues around infrastructure, housing and curbing housing related CEQA lawsuit abuse, supporting strategies that creates more housing and increases supply and lowers costs.

Sincerely,



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