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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 348 (Krell): Full-service partnerships – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

Larry Klein
Mayor

Linda Sell
Vice Mayor

Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember

Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember

Charlsie Chang
Councilmember

Eileen Le
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we request your signature on AB 348 (Krell), which establishes presumptive eligibility for Full-Service Partnership (FSP) services. This measure is intended to ensure that individuals with serious mental illness who are most at risk can access care without unnecessary delays.

Hospitals are on the front line of California's mental health and substance use disorder crisis, providing stabilization and treatment in emergency departments, behavioral health units, and psychiatric hospitals. While hospitals deliver critical short-term care, long-term well-being depends on outpatient support. FSPs are a proven model: RAND Corporation research shows they reduce psychiatric admissions, decrease judicial system involvement, and improve housing stability.

Under AB 348, individuals will qualify for FSP services if they meet specified criteria, including having experienced two or more psychiatric emergency department visits within the past six months. By defining priority populations for FSPs, this bill would create a consistent, statewide framework for prioritizing access to intensive behavioral health services.

Although funding for FSPs has existed for more than two decades, individuals at highest risk too often face barriers to access due to county-by-county variations and complex administrative requirements. With the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), enacted following the passage of Proposition 1 in 2024, counties will soon expand investments

in the FSP model of care. Now is the time to ensure FSPs are accessible, without unnecessary hurdles, to those who need them most across the state.

As identified in Priority Advocacy Issues 5(B) and 5(C), City policy supports the expansion of access to supportive services (including behavioral health services offered under FSPs) for unhoused residents. AB 348 establishes clear criteria for FSPs, helping expand treatment options, improve stability for individuals with mental illness, and strengthen housing security. For these reasons, the City of Sunnyvale supports AB 348 (Krell) and respectfully requests your signature. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Trudi Ryan, Director of Community Development, at tryan@sunnyvale.ca.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein
Mayor

cc: Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab
Assembly Member Patrick Ahrens
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