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June 25, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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The Honorable Mike McGuire  
President Pro Tempore, California State Senate  
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The Honorable Robert Rivas  
Speaker, California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 8330  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for Continued Funding of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program from the City of Sunnyvale**

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro Tem McGuire, and Speaker Rivas:

As budget negotiations are underway, I write to express our strong support for the continued funding and expansion of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program.

The HHAP program has served as a vital source of flexible funding for cities, counties, and continuums of care across California working to combat homelessness. In Sunnyvale and throughout Santa Clara County, HHAP funding has supported critical interventions including rapid rehousing, street outreach, shelter operations, and permanent supportive housing services. As identified in the Sunnyvale General Plan-Housing Element, Policy H-5.13, City policy supports the construction of more affordable units and getting the unhoused into interim and permanent supportive housing. These programs not only provide immediate relief to unhoused individuals and families but also support long-term efforts to stabilize lives and prevent homelessness before it starts.



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California is at a pivotal moment in its fight against homelessness. While we have made measurable progress, the scale and complexity of the crisis require sustained commitment and strategic investment. HHAP's structure—emphasizing local control, performance metrics, and inter-agency collaboration—has proven effective in delivering results while allowing jurisdictions to tailor responses to the specific needs of their communities.

As local governments face increasing pressure to address homelessness amid rising housing costs and strained service systems, it is essential that we do not lose momentum. We respectfully urge you to continue full funding of the HHAP program in the upcoming state budget and consider enhancing its scope to include greater prevention efforts and infrastructure investment.

Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership in addressing one of the most urgent challenges facing California. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Trudi Ryan, Director of Community Development, [tryan@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:tryan@sunnyvale.ca.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Klein".

Larry Klein  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Dr. Aisha Wahab, State Senate  
The Honorable Patrick Ahrens, State Assembly  
Sunnyvale City Council  
Tim Kirby, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Trudi Ryan, Community Development Director