



December 10, 2019

Sacramento County Superior Court
David De Alba, Presiding Judge
720 Ninth Street, Department 47
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Sacramento County Grand Jury Report: Addressing Homelessness in
Sacramento County: An Extraordinary Community Challenge

Dear Judge De Alba,

Pursuant to Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the following specific responses are submitted to you regarding the 2018-2019 Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations on Addressing Homelessness in Sacramento County: An Extraordinary Community Challenge.

Finding 1: There is no formal organizational model being used by the community of organizations that will ensure the most effective use of the critical resources available to be used to address homelessness in Sacramento County.

Response to Finding 1: The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency agrees with this finding.

Finding 2: The leaders and workers in the community of organizations actively working to address the challenges presented by homelessness in Sacramento County have demonstrated an impressive level of both dedication and competence in assisting and supporting the County's homeless population.

Response to Finding 2: The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency agrees with this finding.

Finding 3: A County of Sacramento Homeless Plan to secure NPLH funds was recently developed by the County and adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The plan presents a significant initial strategic direction for addressing homelessness in Sacramento County and many of the organizations providing services and programs for the homeless collaborated with the County on the plan's development and support its direction and implementation.





Response to Finding 3: The City of Sacramento agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 1: The community of organizations working to address homelessness in Sacramento County should initiate a process during Fiscal Year 2019/20 to identify an organizational model that will be responsive to needs expressed by the community. This process should be coordinated by the five primary organizations providing resources to the homelessness effort. They are:

- County of Sacramento
- City of Sacramento
- Continuum of Care Advisory Board
- Sacramento Steps Forward
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

Response to Recommendation 1: The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency agrees. Local governmental and private entities should develop an organizational model that addresses homelessness in a more unified and collaborative approach. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency is committed to working with public and private sector partner organizations to create a more responsive organizational model.

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency has developed a Five-Point Homeless Plan to address homelessness in the City of Sacramento. The Agency is currently working with the Mayor, Council Members and City Manager to implement the plan in 2020. The plan is attached.

Sincerely,



La Shelle Dozier
Executive Director

Attachment: Five-Point Homeless Plan

