



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W Temple St #383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your leadership in stepping up to meet this moment. Los Angeles County has been a tremendous partner in addressing the medical and sheltering needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Because of your efforts, 2,654 rooms have already been secured across the county. I applaud the courage with which your County has moved forward so rapidly and compassionately.

While these numbers represent significant progress, I am concerned about today's news from Skid Row, where a congregate homeless shelter in downtown Los Angeles has reported an outbreak of COVID-19 positive individuals.

We now need the cities within your county match your commitment as you collectively step up to do even more. The acuity of this public health emergency demands an unprecedented response.

Los Angeles County and your cities must together rise to the occasion to immediately bring additional non-congregate sheltering capacity through hotels and motels online to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As reflected in my emergency proclamation and executive orders to date, the State of California is acting quickly to protect public health and safety as we respond to COVID-19, and is mobilizing every level of government to prepare for and respond to the spread of the virus.



Last month, I directed the first allocation of the emergency funding authorized by the Legislature for COVID-19 related activities, including \$150 million for local emergency homelessness actions. That first allocation provided:

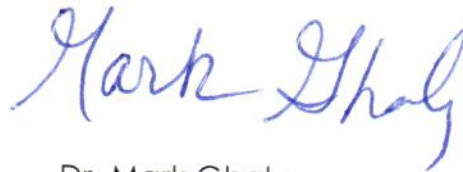
- \$100 million directly to local governments, for shelter support and emergency housing to address COVID-19 among the homeless population.
- \$50 million for Project Roomkey, purchasing travel trailers, and leasing rooms in hotels, motels, and other facilities in partnership with counties and cities to provide immediate isolation placements throughout the state for homeless individuals.
- This funding is in addition to the \$650 million already available to local governments through the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program.

Supervisors, we are partners in the fight against COVID-19, and allies in our work to protect the lives of people experiencing homelessness. Thank you for all you have done, and will continue to do.

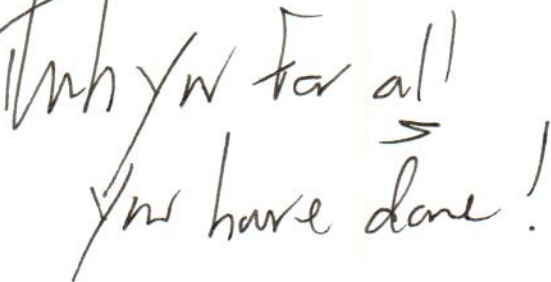
Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom
Governor



Dr. Mark Ghaly
Secretary
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Thank you for all
you have done!