

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: May 7, 2019

TITLE: Request from Assemblymembers Chad Mayes and Eduardo Garcia for State Funding to Combat Homelessness in Coachella Valley

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RECOMMENDATION

Consider authorizing a letter in support of Assemblymembers Mayes and Garcia's request for State funding to combat homelessness in the Coachella Valley.

BACKGROUND

Staff for Assemblymembers Chad Mayes and Eduardo Garcia contacted the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) regarding funding needed to combat homelessness in the Coachella Valley. As a result, the Assemblymembers sent a joint proposal to Governor Newsom requesting \$10M in state funding for homelessness initiatives in Coachella Valley. This funding would bolster our regional Housing First approach through projects that would expand the inventory of crisis stabilization housing and rapid rehousing units, create a new navigation center, and provide additional support for existing services. The proposal directly aligns with many of the Governor's top priorities. Funding would benefit the entire region, as well as provide targeted support in the western valley.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no City expenditure associated with this action.

If the request for State funding is approved, an additional \$10M would be earmarked specifically for efforts to address homelessness in our region.

EXHIBITS:

- 1) Letter from Assemblymembers Mayes and Garcia
- 2) Draft Letter of Support