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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD AGENDA MEMO**

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**MEETING DATE:** May 9, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Heidi Hall, District 1

**SUBJECT:** Resolution proclaiming support for the California State Association of Counties' AT HOME Plan and directing staff to take necessary actions regarding its advocacy for the promotion and furtherance of the wellbeing of homeless populations

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** California Governor Gavin Newsom outlined in his January Budget a continued commitment to providing investments to support the state's priority to address homelessness, including resources to provide long-term permanent housing options, services, and supports for individuals experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. This priority was set only a few months after the Governor had announced and rejected every local homeless action plan, subsequently halting all funding, until after each county had submitted an acknowledgement form adhering to best practices and more robust actions addressing homelessness. Nevada County's comprehensive homeless plan was already in alignment with these best practices and required only minor adjustments to comply with the Governor's demands. The administration also hosted a meeting with county leaders on November 18<sup>th</sup> which Supervisor Hoek and Director Gruver attended shortly before submitting the county's own acknowledgement as required. That same week, the California State Association Counties (CSAC) identified and adopted homelessness as a key policy priority for 2023. Subsequently, CSAC has unveiled a homelessness initiative called AT HOME Plan, that includes six pillars:

**Accountability:** Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government

**Transparency:** Integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness

**Housing:** Increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum

**Outreach:** Develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce

**Mitigation:** Strengthen safety net programs

**Economic Opportunity:** Create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs.

Currently, CSAC is requesting counties to adopt the attached Resolution proclaiming its support for the strategy. CSAC is also advocating the administration to use the AT HOME Plan in a tentative Trailer Bill that the Governor is anticipated to advance this legislative session. The AT HOME Plan is critical in reframing the conversation on the roles of counties, cities, state, and service providers in addressing homelessness and identifying what accountability mechanism should be in place for all stakeholders. Attached is an informational handout that outlines the Plan in more detail.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors prioritized addressing homelessness in 2018. Subsequently the Governor prioritized homelessness, resulting in numerous one-time investments in housing and homeless services, which the County of Nevada has proactively leveraged to advance our comprehensive plan to address homelessness. CSAC's AT HOME Plan recognizes some fundamental unaddressed challenges, particularly the need for ongoing funding and to clarify roles, responsibilities and accountability between cities, counties and the State. As such, the CSAC AT HOME Plan is in alignment with the Board of Supervisors' priority to address homelessness. Therefore, I recommend the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hall  
District I Supervisor

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