

May 24, 2023

The Honorable Greg Wallis  
California State Assembly, District 47  
41-608 Indian Trail Road, Suite D-1  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

**Re: Finding a Permanent Home in the State Budget for Homelessness Programs and Affordable Housing**

Dear Assemblymember Wallis,

The City of La Quinta requests you to join Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva's effort to find a permanent home in the State budget for \$3 billion in ongoing funding to prevent and reduce homelessness, while boosting affordable housing. She has written a letter addressed to the Assembly and Senate Budget Committee Chairpersons and requests her colleagues to sign on with her.

The Governor's May revision of the 2023-24 budget does not include any new, ongoing funding for cities to increase the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness. Rather, it proposes \$712 million in cuts and delays essential funding that would help jumpstart affordable housing production.

Per Quirk-Silva's letter, one-time funding inhibits cities' long-term planning efforts and stifles more ambitious statewide goals. An ongoing investment of \$3 billion from the State would have transformative effects, generating crucial housing production and providing vital support to thousands of Californians currently experiencing homelessness.

The League of California Cities' request for \$3 billion in ongoing funding may be disbursed primarily among California's larger cities, but this will open the door for smaller cities, such as La Quinta and its Coachella Valley neighbors, to also receive funds that help provide much needed affordable housing.

If you wish to add your signature to Assemblymember Quirk-Silva's letter, please do so today by contacting her office in Sacramento. Her point of contact is William Pond and he can be reached at **(916) 319-2067** or [william.pond@asm.ca.gov](mailto:william.pond@asm.ca.gov). Thank you for your continued support to La Quinta and the Coachella Valley.

Sincerely,



Linda Evans, Mayor  
City of La Quinta

CC: Members of the La Quinta City Council  
League of California Cities