Tuesday, August 9, 2022

6PM City Council – Special Meeting

Mayor, City Council Members, and City Manager

Sacramento City Hall

915 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Agenda Item #1 –The Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022**

Dear Mayor Steinberg, City Council Members, and City Manager Chan,

I amwriting you today to urge that you uphold the commitment made to Sacramentans like me by placing the unaltered Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022 (“the measure”) on the ballot for the November 2022 election. Sacramento County’s unsheltered homeless population has risen by 71% since 2019 and this issue affects everyone in the region, from families, to small businesses. I have personally been affected….. **[Describe what your business/organization does, and how homelessness has affected your business/organization.]**

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in the City and County of Sacramento and I am depending on you, my elected leaders, to act in the best interest of your constituents**.** The measure compels the City of Sacramento to act and provide emergency temporary shelter space for homeless individuals in the City. It also allows residents to demand action by the City on unauthorized encampments once services and shelter options have been offered and declined. This creates a system of accountability and offers solutions to residents, business owners, and our unhoused community who have been directly affected by this crisis.

As a proud resident of the City of Sacramento, I respectfully demand that you stay focused on solving this crisis by allowing the citizens of the City to vote on a potential solution, rather than gutting the measure you already voted to place a watered-down version on the ballot. I believe the democratic process is important and deciding to change the measure without a vote of the public is not acceptable.

The only acceptable action is the placement of the original version of the Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022 on the ballot in November.

Sincerely,

**[Your Signature]**

**[Your Name]**

**[Your Title]**

**[Your Organization]**