



Assembly Bill 71: A Historic Statewide Solution to Homelessness

Homelessness is the defining issue of our time in California — a crisis that has only worsened as a result of COVID-19. Today, hundreds of thousands of Californians are experiencing homelessness or are on the brink. This includes 269,000 school children —who could fill Dodger Stadium five times over.

We are in desperate need of an ambitious, long-term statewide solution to homelessness.



An Inconsistent History

California has addressed homelessness sporadically, with one-off programs meant to address immediate concerns. Some, such as Project Roomkey, have been more successful than others — but none have made significant progress. The state's response to our crisis has never exceeded more than .5% of the state's total budget, despite polling showing that combatting homelessness has been voters' top priority for the last few years.

and establishing a permanent, ongoing source of funding to support housing and services across the state. It contains strict accountability measures — such as rewarding local governments who are hitting aggressive goals, enacting regular public reporting, and strengthening data collection at the local level — so the resources are being spent wisely. AB 71 also creates new innovative programs to eliminate racial bias, ensure youth and survivors of domestic violence have access to better care, and enhance coordination and collaboration between the state and local governments and among state and local agencies.

Corporate profits have skyrocketed by billions during COVID-19 — while more than 60% of Californians believe their children will be worse off than they are, and hundreds of thousands of Californians face homelessness. **That's wrong.**

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Introduced by Assemblymember Luz Rivas, **AB 71** is a fundamental reimagining of how California fights our homelessness epidemic, centralizing state programs, demanding measurable results,

We can reverse the cycle of homelessness in part by restoring the 1980 California corporate tax rate on multimillion-dollar companies, and by closing loopholes that allow them to shift their profits overseas. This would establish a \$2.4 billion annual investment that, combined with local and federal funding, can drastically reduce homelessness in our state.





What would this historic investment mean?

With this new funding – which comes at no cost to the individuals and has strict accountability measures – we could:

- » Help prevent **28,000 people** from becoming homeless by creating new affordable apartments, or providing rental assistance
- » Help close to **25,000 individuals and families** access a safe place to shelter while they find permanent housing
- » Allow about **43,000 people** to exit homelessness by moving into permanent housing through rental housing and capital development, and for about **22,000 households** to connect to family and friends to exit homelessness
- » Provide housing navigation, case management and employment support to about **50,000 people** so they can thrive in long-term housing.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In January 2019, an estimated 151,278 people experienced homelessness in California at a single point in time – a 17-percent increase since 2018.
- While only 6.5% of Californians identify as Black or African-American, almost 40% of the state’s homeless population is African-American.
- Indigenous populations are over six times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population.
- Latinx Californians are least likely to access housing and services available in their communities.

The Bring California Home Coalition

AB 71 is supported by the Bring California Home Coalition, a wide array of homelessness advocates, and affordable housing and homelessness organizations from all over the state – the largest and most diverse coalition behind a statewide homelessness bill ever. Our coalition includes:



We need your help to raise your voice and demand a permanent solution to homelessness by passing AB 71!

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