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**CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY SOLICIT DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY'S IDEAS AND PROPOSALS TO
CREATE 1,000 PERMANENT EFFICIENCY HOUSING UNITS FOR HOMELESS RESIDENTS**

Sacramento, California | Following Mayor Steinberg's call to action to the developer community at his State of the Downtown on January 23rd, Mayor Steinberg, members of the Sacramento City Council and representatives from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) announced that a Request for Information (RFI) has been sent out today. The RFI solicits concepts from any efficiency home developer that can create 1,000 units in two years, and makes available the possibility of utilizing city-owned land and over \$200,000,000 in ongoing rental subsidy over the next 20 years. The RFI is part of the City of Sacramento's commitment to working in partnership with other jurisdictions, as well as private and public partners, to develop innovative solutions to ending homelessness. Responses to the RFI are due March 15.

"Today we begin to answer the question of where thousands of people we get off the street are going to live," said Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "Housing is the final piece of the puzzle if we are truly going to make a demonstrable impact on homelessness in our city. This RFI represents our city's commitment to catalyze and harness the emerging and innovative housing solutions to address the homeless crisis."

City and County homeless officials estimate that on any given night in Sacramento County, approximately 3,665 individuals experience homelessness. Over one half of these people are unsheltered. Over the past two years, homelessness in Sacramento has increased by over 37% and unsheltered homelessness has more than doubled. The very real human and community crisis of homelessness necessitates an urgent and focused response that looks beyond the typical homeless system of care and challenges the community at large to bring new and innovative solutions to help address homelessness.

To address the shortage of available housing units in Sacramento, SHRA and the City are seeking information that will inform future project development including timeline, cost, and feasibility to develop and operate permanent homeless housing units. The development community is encouraged to collaborate with the non-profit and social service providers to deliver units

expeditiously and to consider new, innovative construction materials, housing types, and approaches to housing. Housing models should be easily replicated throughout the City to reach the goal of 1,000 efficiency units.

While development proposals are encouraged to incorporate multiple funding sources, one of the sources available may be Project Based Vouchers (PBV). It is anticipated that SHRA will separately release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for PBV in the summer of 2018.

“It is critically important that we provide housing opportunities for all Sacramento residents, especially those who are struggling to keep a roof over their families’ heads, and those who are homeless,” said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. “SHRA is ready to collaborate in a partnership effort to address this issue so that together, we can do more to help find creative solutions to provide for the most basic human need that every Sacramento resident deserves.”

Separate from this RFI, the City intends to make \$20 million of additional private financing available for complementary resources including landlord incentives, triage, and rental assistance funds. In addition, the City, SHRA, and the Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency (RASA) own sites which may be considered when developing concepts. Information regarding available sites will be presented at the Pre-Proposal Meeting on March 1st at 10:00 a.m. at 801 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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