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Mayor London Breed
City Hall
1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Public Records Act Request – Journey Home Program

Dear Mayor Breed,

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is respectfully submitting this request in accordance with the California Public Records Act. Please provide your city's policies and procedures for the Journey Home Program and all program and outcome data collected since September 2023.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors was recently made aware of data related to the City of San Francisco's Journey Home program. We were dismayed to learn that our small, rural county was among the top three destinations in the state where people experiencing homelessness were sent by the program.

We appreciate that the City and County of San Francisco are using a multi-pronged approach to alleviate homelessness. Humboldt County also operates a Transportation Assistance Program. Participants must have a family member or friend willing to house and feed them, or an employment opportunity with a start date at their destination. These facts are verified by County staff prior to issuing transportation assistance. The program also collects specific and uniform data across years to assess whether the program is effective in assisting people to obtain stability. We ask that your transportation assistance programs do the same.

We understand the urgency with which San Francisco intends to act to alleviate homelessness. We are concerned that providing bus tickets to other jurisdictions without verifying access to housing, family support or employment does not alleviate homelessness; it simply shifts the person to another county.

We urge you to ensure that Journey Home participants have the support they need to obtain housing and employment before they receive transportation assistance to Humboldt County. Let's act together in partnership to alleviate homelessness throughout our state.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn
Chair

Cc: Aaron Peskin, President, San Francisco County Board of Supervisors
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