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Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:39 PM

Subject: From the Office of Senator Brian Jones - Homelessness

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Dear Aaron,

Thank you for contacting me in support of efforts to address homelessness throughout the state of California. I appreciate you reaching out to me to make sure that your voice is heard on this important topic.

I want you to know that because of feedback I received from many of my constituents, I introduced SB 31 to prevent homeless encampments from being near sensitive areas where children are often present or gather. We cannot simply continue allowing people to live in our parks and libraries or in front of schools and day-care centers. It is inhumane and unhealthy for the homeless to do so, and it is unfair and often dangerous for the neighbors, families, and children in these sensitive areas.

Additionally, last year, I introduced SB 1006, which would provide funding local law enforcement agencies and non-profits that wish to utilize homeless outreach teams, as well as SB 1303, which would allow any county or city to opt-in to establish housing conservatorships for homeless individuals who have been repeatedly detained on "5150" involuntary holds. In 2020, I also authored a package of five bills that would have emphasized a compassionate assessment of each homeless person's behavior, mental health, and substance abuse issues before placing that person in a temporary housing situation.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your opinion with me. If I can ever be of assistance to you with a problem you have with a state agency – whether it's the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Franchise Tax Board, the Employment Development Department, or another agency – please call my office at 858-547-3818. My team and I are always ready and eager to serve you. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Senator.

Sincerely,
Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones
California's 40th Senate District

Senator Brian W. Jones represents California's 40th Senate District which includes the Cities of Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, San Diego City communities of Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, Scripps Ranch, Sorrento Valley, and University City, along with the San Diego County unincorporated communities of 4S Ranch, Alpine, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Lakeside, Pine Valley, Rainbow, Ramona, and Valley Center.

From: Senator.Jones@outreach.senate.ca.gov <Senator.Jones@outreach.senate.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:01 AM

Subject: My Solutions to the Homelessness Crisis



Dear Aaron,

California's homeless crisis has plagued the state for years, and despite throwing a staggering amount of money trying to solve it, the problem is only getting worse. Californians pay the highest cost of living in the continental U.S. – they should not have to jump over used drug needles in their parks or be afraid to walk down their street.

In 2018, California had about 130,000 homeless individuals. Today, that number is over 170,000. That amounts to a more than 30% increase. During those same five years, Democrat lawmakers and the governor spent \$20 billion trying – and failing – to address this crisis. If money isn't a problem, what is?

In my most recent Op-ed published by CalMatters, I dive into solutions to fix the homeless crisis. You can read the Op-ed, "[California needs to change its homelessness policies, not spend more money,](#)" [here](#). Let me know your thoughts [on Twitter](#) or by [contacting my office](#).

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator.

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