



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2024

Little Hoover Commission / Chair Pedro Nava
925 L Street, Suite 805
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email to LittleHoover@lhc.ca.gov

Re: Request LHC Investigation of mismanagement and misuse of funds under programs and policies in California and Los Angeles to combat the homelessness crisis

Dear Chair Nava and members of the Little Hoover Commission (LHC):

For over 50 years, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based community organization and voice of the Palisades – a community of approximately 27,000 residents located in the City of Angeles.

On October 14, 2024, PPCC forwarded to the LHC the following letter to federal, state, county and city authorities, requesting investigations into the use/misuse and mismanagement of billions of dollars in funding purportedly to combat the homelessness crisis in California and Los Angeles (the PPCC letter): <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/PPCC-Letter-Homeless-Funding-InvestigationsR1a.pdf>.

As explained in greater detail in the PPCC letter, recent reports have revealed serious and widespread mismanagement, lack of accountability and possible corruption by officials and entities involved in spending billions of dollars in taxpayer funds to address homelessness in California, including evident mismanagement and misuse of hundreds of millions of dollars in connection with Project Homekey in Los Angeles (see *Resources linked in the PPCC letter*).

Moreover, as widely reported, an audit report commissioned by the bipartisan Joint Legislative Audit Committee (the State Audit Report), issued in April 2024, concluded that the state had failed to track the ongoing cost and outcomes of its homelessness services despite spending \$24 billion over five years to combat the crisis: <https://information.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2023-102.1/index.html#section3>.

PPCC respectfully requests that the LHC now investigate the apparent failed operation of and non-accountability for programs and policies supported / sponsored by the Governor of California to address homelessness in California, including the use of taxpayer funds for Project Homekey in Los Angeles and other programs and services in California as referenced in the State Audit Report.

Such an investigation would greatly assist California officials as well as the public at large in **understanding the serious operational failures and potentially identifying solutions to prevent future mismanagement and waste of taxpayer money** spent on programs and policies to combat the homelessness crisis in California and Los Angeles.

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We respectfully request your urgent attention to this important matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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