



DATE: May 27, 2025

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Genevieve Suzuki

VIA: Greg Humora, City Manager *GH*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS FOR SENATE BILL 569 (BLAKESPEAR) - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS - COUNCILMEMBER SUZUKI

SB 569 reinforces cities' abilities to work with Caltrans to clean up homeless encampments from respective freeways intersecting the cities. This bill supports fire and EMS personnel who face biohazardous environments when responding to emergencies within encampment. The bill also enhances Caltrans's ability to keep freeways on-ramps and off-ramps clear of debris and foot traffic associated with the encampments.

I respectfully request the Council direct staff to prepare a letter of support for Senate Bill 569 (Blakespear): Department of Transportation: homeless encampments, authorize the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the entire City Council, and instruct staff to send the letter to the Governor, the City's legislative representatives, and the bill's authors.