

February 11, 2025

Dear Clark County Legislative Delegation,

The Clark County Council is writing this letter to request your support in addressing the shortfall in document recording fees to prevent cuts to homeless services and to invest in the frontline workers and nonprofits who help those experiencing homelessness. These fees fund shelter, housing, street outreach, and other efforts to prevent people from reaching homelessness and assist people experiencing homelessness. Due to a low volume of real estate transfers local governments across the state are anticipating a total shortfall of \$50 million in FY26 and an additional \$50 million in FY27. We join local governments across the state in requesting that the 2025-27 biennial operating budget include a \$50 million backfill for FY26 and \$50 million backfill for FY27 to ensure service levels are maintained in our work to address the homelessness crisis in our communities.

In Clark County alone, the funding shortfall to maintain the current level of homeless beds and services in Clark County is \$3.5 million per year over the next two years. That equates to a 22% deficit in the county's current budget for homelessness services. Reduction in funding of that level is the equivalent of permanently removing 94 shelter beds in Clark County and housing support to 200 households. Above and beyond the document recording fee shortfall, the state department of commerce has advised local governments to plan for as much as a potential 20% reduction in current state funding. If that cut occurs, it would take an additional \$2.4 million from programs and services that keep people housed and in shelter in Clark County. Our dedicated community services staff and nonprofit providers will do their best to mitigate the impact of this funding deficit, but the programmatic impact of this funding shortfall will be significant.

The Clark County Council requests that you take action in the FY26-27 biennial operating budget and invest the \$253M required to address this shortfall and to maintain current levels of state funding for local homeless services.

Sincerely,

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