

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 932, which authorizes Berkeley, Emeryville, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, Santa Clara, and San Francisco, upon the declaration of a shelter crisis, to suspend state and local building standards for three years.

This extraordinary grant of exception should be used wisely and expeditiously. The thousands and thousands of men and women living on our streets are looking to the leaders of these communities for decent shelter and a place of dwelling, not abandonment.

This bill, in combination with recently passed laws such as AB 1617, enacted in 2016, SB 2, SB 3, and AB 74, presents a unique opportunity for creativity and compassion with respect to the growing number of homeless people. Don't let them down.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.