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#### Re: SB 3 (Beal): Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 (Support)

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Semiannual Conference Business Meeting on May 3, 2017 to take a Support recommendation on SB 3 (Beal), a bill that would place a \$3 billion statewide housing general obligation bond, similar to Props 46 and 1C, on the November ballot. This general obligation bond would fund a number of existing and successful affordable housing programs, with the intent of addressing the shortage of housing stock.

CCLHO supports SB 3 as California is home to 21 of the 30 most expensive rental housing markets in the country, which has had a disproportionate impact on the middle class and the working poor. This \$3 billion bond, similar to Props 46 and 1C, would fund specific affordable housing programs focusing on the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing for those at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness and low-income earners, as well as create more homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income earners.

Expanding affordable secure housing should benefit some of California's most vulnerable populations including the elderly, those with developmental and physical disabilities, single parents with children, farmworkers, and also Medi-Cal recipients served through a county's Section 1115 Waiver Whole Person Care Pilot program. Housing affordability affects the overall ability of families to afford and make healthy choices. The social determinants of health are the economic and social conditions that affect health outcomes and housing is one of those significant determinants.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

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This position of support for the Affordable Housing Bond Act is consistent with CCLHO's strategic priority of promoting and protecting health and well-being through a focus on targeted outcomes for all people.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Ken.Cutler@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:Ken.Cutler@co.nevada.ca.us) or at 530-265-7154.

Sincerely and on behalf of the CCLHO membership,

*Original signed by Dr. Ken Cutler*

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cc: Glen Campora, California Department of Housing and Community Development