

## **CEQA Streamlining**

### **SEC. 1.**

(a) In general, the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) requires that the environmental impacts of projects be identified and mitigated. The act also guarantees the public an opportunity to review and comment on the environmental impacts of a project and to participate meaningfully in the development of mitigation measures for potentially significant environmental impacts.

(b) Homelessness in California has reached an all-time high, pervades both urban and rural communities, and puts stress on local resources, including emergency rooms, social service programs, and jails. In addition, the state's homeless population predominantly includes individuals from vulnerable populations including the severely mentally ill, victims of domestic violence, youth, and veterans.

(c) These statistics highlight the importance of accelerating the siting and construction of emergency shelters, navigation centers, and supportive housing as necessary components to addressing the underlying problems that are often exacerbated by living on the streets.

### **SEC. 2.**

#### **Section XXXXX.X is added to the Health and Safety Code to read:**

(a) This section applies to an action taken to do any of the following:

- (1) Site, construct, or operate an emergency shelter or navigation center.
- (2) Site or construct supportive housing units.

(b) The following definitions apply for the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Emergency shelter" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 50801 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (2) "Navigation center" means a Housing First, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing.
- (3) "Supportive housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population, and that is linked to an onsite or offsite service that assists the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community.
- (4) "Housing First" has the same meaning as in Section 8255 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, including all the core components listed therein.

(c) Rules 3.2220 to 3.2237, inclusive, of the California Rules of Court, as may be amended by the Judicial Council, shall apply to any action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the granting of any project approvals pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code)), so that any action or proceeding, including any potential appeals therefrom, shall be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court. On or before September 1, 2019, the Judicial Council shall amend the California Rules of Court, as necessary, to implement this subdivision.