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Assemblymember Cooper Announces Assembly District 9 Counties Awarded Emergency COVID-19 Homeless Funding

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Assemblymember Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove) announced that the City of Sacramento as well as the Sacramento Continuum of Care (COC) and the San Joaquin COC have been awarded emergency funding to protect the health and safety of people experiencing homelessness in Assembly District 9 during the Coronavirus pandemic.

In a March 26 letter, the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council stated that the City of Sacramento, Sacramento COC, and San Joaquin COC have been awarded \$2,245,840.09, \$997,067.17, and \$512,733.78 respectively to help protect and stop the spread of COVID-19 within and among our already vulnerable homeless population.

“This emergency funding comes at a critical time when our most vulnerable communities are at the greatest risk of exposure to the virus,” said Assemblymember Jim Cooper. “I cannot thank Governor Newsom enough for his guidance during this unprecedented time. His commitment to safeguard the well-being of our public health demonstrates his unwavering leadership for all of California.”

According to a 2019 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report to Congress, the city and county of Sacramento rank number one among major cities in the U.S. with 1,132 homeless persons in families with children, of which more than 50 percent are unsheltered.

On March 17, Governor Newsom signed SB 89 which allocated \$500 million to combat the COVID-19 outbreak and help protect the public. Included in this emergency legislation that was unanimously approved by the California State Legislature was funding to help protect California’s vulnerable homeless population during COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this funding allocation is to protect the health and safety of people experiencing homelessness in our region and to reduce the spread of the COVID-19.

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Assemblymember Cooper represents the Cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt, and Lodi.