

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
CITY OF STOCKTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HUMAN
SERVICES AGENCY**

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (“MOU”), effective the date the last party to this MOU signs, is entered into by and among the City of Stockton, through its Economic Development Department (EDD), and the County of San Joaquin, through its Human Services Agency (HSA), with reference to and consideration of the following:

WHEREAS, like many other regions in California, the County of San Joaquin has seen a rapid and troubling growth in the homeless population over the past several years, a condition that has been difficult to address given the increased rates of persons with untreated addictive disorders involving substance abuse and mental health conditions, the high cost of housing and property in the area, and the shortage of emergency, transitional, and affordable housing available in the County to serve this population;

WHEREAS, consistent with the CoC Program Interim Rule, the CoC was formed in 1996 as the group organized to carry out the Continuum of Care program authorized by regulation [under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389)] and, as required, the CoC includes representative groups from within the geographic borders of San Joaquin County;

WHEREAS, San Joaquin County serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC pursuant to a Collaborative Applicant Memorandum of Understanding to apply for and administer state and federal grants allocated directly to the CoC including CoC Program grants, and support the year-round CoC planning of homeless housing, services, and prevention;

WHEREAS, the City of Stockton is a municipality with a population over 320,000 people and also receives annual and periodic entitlement funding from the state and federal government for addressing homelessness, with these funds received, administered, and monitored by the City of Stockton Economic Development Department;

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2025, the State of California invited counties, Continuums of Care, and certain cities to apply for funds pursuant to HHAP Round 6, a program authorized by Assembly Bill 166 (2023-2024), to provide local jurisdictions with flexible funding to continue efforts to improve regional and systems coordination to prevent and end homelessness in their communities, in a manner that reflects the state’s priorities to prevent and expeditiously reduce unsheltered homelessness through homelessness prevention activities, sustaining existing interim housing solutions, and permanent housing solutions, including long-term sustainability of affordable permanent supportive housing [§ 50243 (a)].

WHEREAS, to apply for HHAP Round 6 funding, applicants must jointly create, or update, a compliant Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by each participating applicant committing to participate in and comply with the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the County, CoC, the City of Stockton jointly engaged in a regional strategic planning

process to create a Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan in 2024 and have conducted a thorough public planning process to update the Action Plan in 2025 that included seven public meetings, held at diverse times and locations throughout the county;

The Parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 1.1 Statutory Requirement:** The Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan shall be reflected in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing each signatory to participation in, and to comply with, the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan as updated August 2025.

2. COMMITMENTS

Each Party to this MOU hereby commits to uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities assigned to it as described in the HHAP-6 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan Update and summarized below.

- 2.1** Each Party commits to the roles and responsibilities as they pertain to outreach and site coordination, siting and use of available public land, the development of interim and permanent housing options, and coordinating, connecting, and delivering services to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness, within the region.
- 2.2** Each Party commits to Key Actions to improve the system performance measures.
- 2.3** Each Party commits to Key Actions to ensure racial and gender equity in service delivery, housing placements, housing retention, and any other means to affirm equitable access to housing and services for racial and ethnic groups overrepresented among residents experiencing homelessness.
- 2.4** Each Party commits to actions to reduce homelessness among individuals exiting institutional settings, including but not limited to jails, prisons, hospitals, and any other institutions such as foster care, behavioral health facilities, etc. as applicable in the region.
- 2.5** Each Party commits to roles in the utilization of local, state, and federal funding programs to end homelessness.
- 2.6** Each Party commits to the roles and responsibilities to connect individuals to wrap-around services from all eligible federal, state, and local benefit programs.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- 3.1 Notice.** Any notices provided to any Party in connection with this MOU shall be directed as follows:

City of Stockton, Economic Development Acting Director	Jordan Peterson Jordan.peterson@stocktonca.gov
County of San Joaquin, Human Services Agency Director	Chris Woods cwoods@sjgov.org

- 3.2 Parties as Independent Contractors.** Each Party is, and at all times shall be deemed to be, independent of the other Parties. Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer and employee, or principal and agent, between any Party, or any Party's agents or employees. Each Party shall retain all authority for rendition of services, standards of performance, control of personnel, and other matters incident to the performance of the Program pursuant to this MOU. Each Party, and its agents and employees, shall not be considered to be employees of any other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties to this MOU have caused the same to be executed by each of their duly authorized officers as follows:

City of Stockton Will Crew Acting City Manager	San Joaquin County Chris Woods Director, Human Services Agency
Date:	Date:
City Attorney Approved to Form	County Counsel Approved to Form
Date:	Date: