



CITY OF SANTA ANA

Councilmember Requested Item Report

DATE

April 15, 2025

TOPIC

SB 569 – Caltrans and Local Governments - SUPPORT

TITLE

Discuss and Direct the City Manager to Prepare a Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 569 (Blakespear)

DISCUSSION

Santa Ana, like many California cities, has struggled with the challenges that come when individuals experiencing homelessness settle near or along state highways and Caltrans-managed properties. These areas often lack the basic infrastructure to support safe or stable living conditions, which creates confusion around responsibility, delays in response, and increased strain on local resources.

Our community deserves coordinated, compassionate, and effective solutions. Senate Bill 569 offers a path forward by requiring Caltrans to work more closely with local governments like ours. This includes establishing a dedicated liaison office, creating joint action plans, and ensuring funding is available for temporary housing, outreach, cleanup, and other supportive services.

A key part of SB 569 is the creation of advisory committees in every Caltrans district—ensuring local voices and perspectives are part of the decision-making process. This level of collaboration is long overdue.

My office has made repeated efforts to establish a consistent and productive working relationship with Caltrans to address urgent concerns in our city. However, the lack of clear communication and coordination has often delayed progress and left our residents without answers. This bill is not just about efficiency—it's about making sure our communities are heard, our public spaces are maintained, and our most vulnerable neighbors receive the help they need.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the support of my colleagues to move forward with a Resolution in support of SB 569 on behalf of the City. This legislation will help us bring

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greater clarity, collaboration, and compassion to how we address challenges on state-owned properties.

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