

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

Ballot Measure 110 passed, but if the Governor's proposed budget were passed, funding could be pushed out two years – two years.

Earlier this year, I found Governor Brown's lack of compassion very disturbing. When she delayed funding until 2022, she chose to turn away from the suffering of about 9,000 constituents. Governor Brown's choice puts people in limbo, stuck with a citation because no services were available for them to access. This follows them for years impacting access to housing, jobs, self-sufficiency, and overall success.

Unlike the Governor, whose budget is apparently set, you can avoid a similar loss of your humanity. With all due respect, it is my prayer that you make this issue a priority.

Allocate the funds needed to implement a mental health and recovery care program that is community-led and that a majority of voters mandated in the last election. Pass Senate Bill 755. Create and maintain the funding for the care that so many suffering constituents so desperately need and want.

Considering the great need for mental health and addiction crises services and the impacts of COVID-19, people need help right now. Not in two years.

Thank you for this opportunity for public comment.

Sincerely,

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