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Washington, D.C. - Today, Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-05) praised city and county leaders for their commitment to ending chronic homelessness in the Sacramento region. Matsui worked closely with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) to bring \$100,000 to the agency in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2008. The money will fund a portion of Sacramento's Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness which is providing crucial services to the chronically homeless.

Today, the first report on the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Sacramento County was released. The report shows the success of the Housing First and Permanent Supportive Housing strategies put in place by the Ten Year Plan.

"Hearing positive news resulting from these initiatives is wonderful news. I commend the work of the dedicated staff at SHRA, as well as those of the City and County of Sacramento, and applaud their efforts to ending homelessness in our region. I am confident that as we move forward, we can continue to make progress on this issue. There will be challenges ahead, but working together I know we can meet them," said Rep. Matsui.

"Bringing federal funds to local initiatives that matter to the people of Sacramento will help keep Sacramento a wonderful, thriving place to live. The money received by SHRA helps further their cause, and makes significant investments in services that will greatly benefit people Sacramento's homeless; an investments that make great inroads into the betterment of our community," said Rep. Matsui.

When the funding came through, former SHRA Executive Director Anne Moore said, "The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency is pleased that the federal government is supporting our efforts to end chronic homelessness in the City and County of Sacramento. We have critical gaps in the services needed to stably house 240 individuals over the next five years. These funds will help provide essential case management services so that the people we house can achieve long-term independence."

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