



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

## City Council Interoffice Communication

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Mike Posey, City Council Member  
**Date:** August 28, 2019  
**Subject:** **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ITEM FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019,  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SB 2 FUNDS**

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### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

The California Legislature passed SB 2 (Atkins) in 2017 (aka the Building Homes and Jobs Act), which added \$75 to the documentary transfer tax, typically paid when a property changes hands. Revenue from the fee would be apportioned to counties, and then distributed for use by counties and cities to combat homelessness, provide for navigation centers, street outreach, and housing efforts. The City of Huntington Beach's annual share of SB 2 funds is estimated to be between \$400K and \$500K.

Generally, cities can access these funds for specified programs (again, relating to housing and homelessness) and when a city has a certified housing element. Given that HB has pending projects and needs associated with our homelessness efforts, I would like to see how we can ensure that our City is eligible for SB 2 funds that would otherwise be assigned to us for these important programs.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Direct the City Manager, Community Development Director, along with the City Attorney to report back to the City Council with a plan on how the City can ensure that the City is able to use the SB 2 funds that would be allocated to HB for homelessness prevention activities, including providing funding for a Navigation Center locally or regionally.

XC: Dave Kiff, Interim City Manager  
Travis Hopkins, Acting Assistant City Manager  
Robin Estanislau, City Clerk  
Michael Gates, City Attorney