California Strategic Growth Council
Resolution No. 26-02

Increased Funding for the Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative

WHEREAS, California Native American communities face severe housing shortages, and the state has committed to addressing historical injustices, strengthening government-to-government tribal consultation, responding to the statewide homelessness crisis, and accelerating affordable and infill housing development consistent with climate and community goals through Executive Orders N-15-19, B-10-11, N-23-20, and N-2-24; and

WHEREAS, tribes identified capacity building, flexible state funding, and housing as top priorities and require support for staffing, housing expertise, supportive services, and pre-development costs; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has not seen successful tribal applicants to the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program despite tribal set-asides of $50 million in Round 8 and 9, state-sponsored technical assistance, and interest from tribal applicants; and

WHEREAS, in April 2025, the Council committed $30 million in funding, using accumulated AHSC funds (*a combination of disencumbered funds from previous AHSC rounds and/or 2024-25 and 2025-26 fiscal years*) to support the Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative and its two programs, the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund and the Tribal Capacity Building Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund and the Tribal Capacity Building Program were significantly oversubscribed for the Notices of Funding Availability released in May 2026 with a total of 117 applications received from over 80 tribes across California, requesting over $170 million; and

WHEREAS, remaining auction proceeds from Fiscal Year 2025–26 together with AHSC program disencumbered funds provide an opportunity to invest a portion of available resources into high-priority Sustainable Communities initiatives, including the Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative programs and Factory-Built Housing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 179 (2026), the state established the AHSC Sustainable Communities Allocation, administered by the Strategic Growth Council, authorizing the Council to direct 30 percent of AHSC funds toward investments that advance greenhouse

gas reduction, sustainable land use, and equitable housing and mobility opportunities in accordance with statutory objectives and legislative intent; and

WHEREAS, the current funding for the Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative and Factory-Built Housing are consistent with California Climate Investments (CCI) Expenditure Records and Attestation Memoranda required for compliance with statutory program administration; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of additional funding for the Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative significantly expands the impact, regional equity, and potential for future investments in tribal communities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council approves an increase of $36.8 million (for total of $66.8 million), with potential to add technical assistance and program administration funds up to $70 million total in expenditure from already accumulated AHSC disencumbered funds and continuous appropriation funds from Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26 to further support housing pre-development, technical assistance, and capacity building activities for the Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the $66.8 million will comprise $12.1 million for Tribal Capacity Building Program Round 2 and $54.7 million for Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund for projects, technical assistance, and program administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs staff to update the California Climate Investments expenditure records and attestation memoranda, program guidelines, notices of funding availability, and grant agreements to reflect the funding levels approved in this resolution, consistent with Public Resources Code section 75210.3, subdivision (e)(1), and all other applicable statutes, California Climate Investments requirements, and reporting standards, and that no increased amount shall be expended before the updated expenditure record is posted.

This Resolution is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, officers, employees, or any other person.

Passed and adopted this 28 day of October, 2026.