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## **Gov. Newsom's Revised Budget Proposal Cuts Funding for Crime Prevention and Victims' Services, Fails to Provide Access to Healing**

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**OAKLAND**, Calif — The revised budget proposal issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom Wednesday eliminates \$50 million of flexible cash assistance for survivors of crime and fails to fund critical trauma recovery services.

*The following can be attributed to Tinisch Hollins, executive director of Californians for Safety and Justice, the state's leading public safety advocacy organization:*

"These are challenging times in California and across the nation, and in the face of a significant budget deficit, difficult decisions must be made. But the revised budget proposal issued by the governor today represents an abandonment of more than a decade's worth of work to begin to build the crime and harm prevention infrastructure California has needed for generations. Eliminating funding for the flexible cash assistance program for survivors of crime, and failing to provide the necessary funding for trauma recovery services across the state will result in victims not getting the support they need in the immediate aftermath of experiencing harm, leaving them more vulnerable to experiencing crime and harm again. And it will leave California less equipped to successfully interrupt generational cycles of violence and harm that have plagued too many communities for far too long.

"Several weeks after the Department of Justice ended hundreds of millions of dollars worth of federal grants for violence intervention and interruption programming nationally, it is disheartening to see the state essentially following suit here at home. The governor today acknowledged we're already facing massive cuts in funding for violence intervention programs, trauma recovery and reentry services because of the passage of Proposition 36, an unfunded measure that will result in hundreds of millions of dollars flowing back to prisons and jails every year. And state lawmakers last year passed more than a dozen punitive laws to address retail theft with no clear plan to address the needs of victims and those directly impacted by crime.

"We've known for years now what works and what doesn't to keep our neighborhoods safe. Research backs up decades of lived experience that over-reliance on enforcement and incarceration after a crime

has already been committed only compounds the conditions that create violence in the first place and does nothing to prevent crime before it occurs.

"The vast majority of survivors of crime in California continue to want what they've always wanted: to prevent what happened to them from happening to anyone else. To do that, we must commit to using the hundreds of millions of dollars saved by ongoing prison closures, and the remaining savings from Proposition 47, to fund critical community-based programs expanding access to drug and mental health treatment, trauma recovery and reentry services that are reducing recidivism and increasing safety in communities up and down the state every day."