

I strongly support this measure which will allow more latitude and clearer guidelines in designating people a danger to themselves and/or others, granting greater and more meaningful access to desperately-needed mental-health services. In my work as a social worker I have personally had to fight very hard on behalf of this needy population, and these services are a absurdly difficult to obtain. And they're often obtained or available only when it's too late to meaningfully affect and stabilize the lives of this population. We need to care for the most needy in our society and facilitate access for them, and it's a sorry measure of our societal priorities that so many of those in need of genuined intervention are, instead, living on our streets, left to fend for themselves. Please do all that's possible to get these services available when and where they're needed

I support SB 187 and the removal of needless barriers that prevent many from being able to benefit from treatment or qualify for intervention until it is too late. Please vote yes on SB 187.