

OVER \$23 MILLION SPENT OVERPOLICING VACANT CALTRANS HOMES

Records provided by the California Highway Patrol reveal Caltrans Region 7 is paying \$23.5 million to the CHP to guard 138 empty Caltrans properties along the I-710 corridor in El Sereno, South Pasadena, and Pasadena over a 13-month period. In addition, Caltrans Region 7 has paid \$11.4 million over little more than a year to Inter Con Security, whose guards were pictured at the houses in news stories over the 2020 holiday period. Under the agreement with Caltrans, CHP launched "Operation 710 Trespass" on the eve of Thanksgiving 2020 to prevent unhoused mothers, children, and seniors from reclaiming the empty properties. CHP billed Caltrans \$3.1 million from November 25 - December 30, 2020. *



\$23,543,116 + \$11,406,713.90

Caltrans allocated at least \$23.5 million for CHP *rather than rehabilitate*, empty Caltrans houses. It also has spent \$11.4 million for private security.



**PATROLLING 138 VACANT
PROPERTIES**

El Sereno, Pasadena & South Pasadena



**218,000 CHP
OVERTIME
HOURS**



Between January 2019 and March 2021, Caltrans Region 7 paid Inter Con Security **\$11,406,713.90**.



'OPERATION 710 TRESPASS'

\$133,685

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

\$131,512

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

CHP billed Caltrans over \$265,000 for overtime hours on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day alone.

**'IN 40 SHORT DAYS WE
WILL HAVE USED
APPROXIMATELY 22% OF
THE CURRENT CONTRACT.'**

December 28, 2020, email from
CHP Representative Chris Margaris



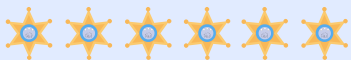
\$1,499,000

Amount CalTrans dedicated to rehabilitating the 138 properties, according to an internal memorandum on the agency's 2021-2022 budget. For about 70 years, CalTrans has allowed the houses to fall into disrepair, claiming the houses unfit for habitation and thus unable to be leased to hundreds of Californians in need of affordable housing.

**\$167,000 PER HOUSE FOR
CHP SECURITY**

VERSUS

**\$10,863 PER HOUSE FOR
REPAIR**



*Documents available upon request: carefirstsouthpas@gmail.com