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RESOLUTION

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2013, Assemblymember John A. Perez introduced AB 639, *the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act (VHHPA) of 2014*, which would amend the Veteran's Bond Act of 2008 to reduce the amount of bonds that are authorized to be issued under the act from \$900 million to \$300 million; and

WHEREAS, the \$600 million difference would be used for expenditure by the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes of construction, rehabilitation and preservation of multifamily housing for veterans, in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, if enacted by the Legislature, the bill would be submitted for the November 4, 2014 general election for voter approval and, if approved by the voters, AB 639 would amend Proposition 12 and restructure \$600 million of the existing Proposition 12 bond authority to construct and rehabilitate multi-family veterans housing that is affordable and supportive; and


WHEREAS, according to the American Community Survey, in 2011, there were approximately 330,000 veterans in Los Angeles County. Approximately 10 percent were unemployed and nearly 12 percent were homeless and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) reports of the 23,000 homeless individuals in the City, 3,267 were homeless in 2011; and

WHEREAS, AB 639 promotes the goal of ending veteran homelessness by 2015/2016 as outlined by the White House, the U.S. Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and the United Way; and

WHEREAS, increasing supportive housing availability for veterans is especially critical to address the needs for returning veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, support of AB 639 is consistent with City efforts to support policies that reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, training, and employment opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT of AB 639, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act (VHHPA) of 2014, which would amend the Veteran's Bond Act of 2008 to reduce the amount of bonds that are authorized to be issued under the act from \$900 million to \$300 million and reprogram the \$600 million difference to be used for expenditure by the California Department of Housing and Community Development for purposes of the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of multifamily housing for veterans, in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

PRESENTED BY 
HERB J. WESSON, JR
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY 

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