

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental 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, homelessness is an increasingly problematic issue in California, and especially in Los Angeles where the homeless population has increased by 12% from 2013-2015; and

WHEREAS, SB 876 (Liu), which would afford homeless persons experiencing homelessness the right to use public spaces without discrimination based on their housing status and describe basic human and civil rights that may be exercised without being subject to criminal or civil sanctions; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, while well intentioned, would drastically curtail law enforcement's ability to deal with problem homeless populations, in particular those with drug addiction problems and those participating in criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would authorize a person whose rights have been violated pursuant to these provisions to enforce those rights in a civil action; and

WHEREAS, SB 876 does not balance public safety needs with the needs of the homeless for a place to rest, and instead provides more protections for the homeless than for other citizens; and


WHEREAS, SB 876 does not address the causes of homelessness or offer any solutions to this problem, but instead poses a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, SB 876 would result in significant costs to local jurisdictions, and is counter to the home-rule principle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 876 (Liu), the Right to Rest Act, which would prevent local jurisdictions from enforcing laws against camping on sidewalks, in parks and in vehicles parked on public streets.

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SECONDED BY Wm J. Martinez

  
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