

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an 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 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, the findings from the 2015 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Homeless Count reveal that the number of homeless persons in the City has increased by 12% and the number of tents, makeshift shelters, and vehicles increased by 85% from the previous Homeless Count in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City has formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and is currently undertaking a number of initiatives to develop a comprehensive strategy to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the Assembly is AB 718 (Chu), which would prohibit a legislative body of a city, county or city and county from prohibiting or subjecting to penalties, or removing and impounding a motor vehicle by reason of sleeping or resting in lawfully parked motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, AB 718 (Chu) declares that this measure addresses health and safety of homeless individuals, and therefore apply to charter cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should oppose legislation that eliminates local oversight and control over regulations that best fit the neighborhood character and take into account the context of local plans to address homelessness and other mandates; and

WHEREAS, the City should seek amendments to AB 718 (Chu) to allow a permit process by which legislative bodies can regulate sleeping in vehicles at a local level;

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 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to Assembly Bill 718 (Chu) UNLESS AMENDED, which would prohibit a legislative body of a city or county from prohibiting or subjecting to penalties, or removing a vehicle by reason of, the act of sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle, AND SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 718 (Chu) IF AMENDED to allow sleeping in a vehicle by permit.

JUN 19 2015

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFELD  
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SECONDED BY:



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