

# MOTION

# HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has approximately 16,000 homeless students throughout the district. Homeless students face specific obstacles that not all low-income students do, including unstable homes, lack of food and transportation problems. The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as youth between the ages of 2- 18 years old who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and may:

- Live in a hotel or motel;
- Live in a shelter or transitional housing;
- Live in an abandoned building, parked car, or other facility not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Share housing with another family due to loss of housing, stemming from financial hardship;
- Live in a trailer park or campsite due to the lack of adequate living accommodations;
- Are abandoned at a hospital;
- Are placed by the state in an emergency shelter;
- Are awaiting foster placement;
- Are migratory, runaway or abandoned children that qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

As the City and County of Los Angeles continue to work together to address the growing homelessness crisis we should also look to forge a stronger partnership with LAUSD to ensure that these children are not ignored. It is appropriate that we obtain an understanding of the unique challenges that that these children face and we should include a partnership with LAUSD as part of our strategy to combat homelessness in order make sure that we have provided these children with every opportunity to be successful.

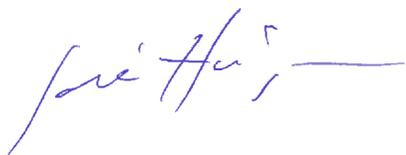
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the CLA and the CAO report back with recommendations on how the City of Los Angeles can work directly with LAUSD to ensure that homeless students in this city are identified and offered proper services.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the CLA and CAO, with assistance from LAHSA, report back with recommendations for including LAUSD as a partner in the City of Los Angeles' Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

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