

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 a crisis in Los Angeles that threatens the health and safety of over 40,000 individuals in the County and stresses public institutions throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, in August 2015, the County of Los Angeles established the Homeless Initiative (County HI) to address the homeless crisis in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, with an unprecedented spirit of cooperation, the County HI convened 18 policy summits with participation from 25 County Departments, over 100 community organizations, and 30 cities, including the City of Los Angeles to develop a strategic plan to address homelessness, and

WHEREAS, on February 9th, 2016, the City and County adopted strategic plans to help prevent and end homelessness in Los Angeles over the next ten years. The City's plan includes 64 strategies and the County HI plan includes 47 strategies that focus on the following interventions: Prevention; Subsidized Housing; Increasing Income; Case Management and Services; Creating a Coordinated System; and Increasing Affordable/Homeless Housing; and

WHEREAS, both the City and County pledged over \$100 million to address homelessness in the current fiscal year, however, both strategies advised that significant additional revenue would be needed to make meaningful progress in ending and preventing homelessness over the coming years; and

WHEREAS, currently, the City, the Housing Authority of Los Angeles (HACLA), and the County are considering developing a formal partnership to assist homeless individuals where the City will help facilitate the development of housing, HACLA will provide homeless residents rental subsidies, and the County will provide essential homeless related services; and

WHEREAS, to help fund the City's commitment, voters approved Measure HHH on the November 2016 ballot that may generate up to \$1.2 billion to develop homeless and affordable housing over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the County has proposed Measure H which is a quarter-cent Sales Tax to raise much of the \$450 million needed annually to provide services and programs to address and prevent homelessness within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sales Tax will generate ongoing funding to address homelessness, including funding for the following: mental health and substance abuse treatment; health care; education; job training; rental subsidies; emergency and affordable housing; transportation; outreach; prevention; and supportive services for homeless children, families, foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled persons, and other homeless adults, and

WHEREAS, the City should support the County's proposed quarter-cent Sales Tax to fund essential homeless related services in the City and County as those funds will compliment Measure HHH's funds which are dedicated to developing homeless and affordable housing in the City;

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 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Los Angeles County's Ballot Measure H to increase the Sales Tax one-quarter cent to fund essential homeless services.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:


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