RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

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, due to the limited number of shelter beds, there is a significant number of homeless Angelenos who are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, in order to address this crisis, the City is exploring sites to build new temporary housing for the homeless, including sites currently owned by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes Caltrans to lease to public agencies or private entities the use of areas above or below state highways; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is generally obligated to secure fair market value lease rates for airspace under freeways or other available parcel, however, exceptions to the fair market value requirement authorize Caltrans to lease unused parcels of land below market rates to cities and counties for the purpose of emergency shelters and feeding programs; and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes \$1-per-month leases of Caltrans airspace parcels to the City and County of San Francisco, Santa Barbara County, the City of San Diego, and San Joaquin County for specified emergency shelter or feeding purposes; and

WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles is embarking on an ambitious plan to build new temporary housing for homeless Angelenos and is exploring the feasibility of many sites including sites currently owned by Caltrans, which will not be economically feasible if the City must lease these properties at market rate;

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 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislation or administrative action that would include the City of Los Angeles in the list of cities eligible for the \$1-per-month leases of Caltrans airspace parcels for emergency shelter.

PRESENTED BY:

JOE BUSCAINO Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



