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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 2018

Council File No.: [18-0002-S29](#)

Council Meeting Date: April 10, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 39

Agenda Description: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (RYU - HARRIS-DAWSON - HUIZAR) relative to establishing the City's position regarding AB 1971 (Santiago and Friedman) which seeks to change the definition of gravely disabled to consider urgently needed medical treatment when assessing an individual's need for conservatorship ora 72 hour hold.

Council Action: RESOLUTION (RYU - HARRIS-DAWSON - HUIZAR) - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BLUMENFIELD	YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL
YES	BONIN	YES	HUIZAR	YES	PRICE
ABSENT	BUSCAINO	YES	KORETZ	YES	RODRIGUEZ
ABSENT	CEDILLO	ABSENT	KREKORIAN	YES	RYU
YES	ENGLANDER	YES	MARTINEZ	YES	WESSON

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Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 231(h)

FILE SENT TO MAYOR:

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:

APPROVED

***DISAPPROVED**

***VETO**

04/13/2018

Mayor

DATE SIGNED

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, Los Angeles has seen a significant increase in homeless individuals suffering from a mental illness from 2015-2017; and

WHEREAS, according to local data, there is an increased death rate among the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the status quo mental health care system is inefficient and in need of thoughtful change; and

WHEREAS, the California State Law defines gravely disabled as “a condition in which a person as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter”; and

WHEREAS, current State law fails to address the needs of those with a mental illness that are unable to provide for their urgently needed medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Assembly is a bill, AB 1971 (Santiago and Friedman) which seeks to change the definition of “gravely disabled” to consider urgently needed medical treatment as a basic human need when assessing an individual’s need for conservatorship or need for a 72 hour hold while maintaining all statutorily protected safeguards and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, because the legislation would improve effective delivery of homeless services, it is in the City's interest to support the change in definition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1971 that would expand the definition of gravely disabled to consider urgently needed medical treatment as a basic human need when assessing an individual’s need for conservatorship or need for a 72 hour hold while maintaining all statutorily protected safeguards and civil liberties.

Presented By: David Ryu
DAVID RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

Seconded By: [Signature]

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