


REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: June 27, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations
Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
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Council File No.: 18-0002-S71
Assignment No.: 18-06-0570

SUBJECT: Legislation to Identify State-Owned Properties to Address Homelessness

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the revised attached Resolution to include in the City's 2017-18 State Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action to identify State-owned properties that can be used as housing and/or facilities to address homelessness.

SUMMARY

The attached Resolution (Huizar – Harris-Dawson) was introduced on June 6, 2018 and states that there is a homelessness crisis in the State of California and in the City of Los Angeles. The Resolution states that according to the 2018 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are 31,516 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. The Resolution refers to Strategy 7D from the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy which shows the City's efforts to identify City-owned property suitable for housing development and facilities. Furthermore, the City's 2018-19 Budget allocates more than \$20 million in funding to build crisis and bridge housing on City-owned land. The Resolution states that the State has many properties within the City that may not be used at the highest and best use and could be suitable sites for facilities for the homeless population. The City has called for the State budget to include funding to cities, counties, and non-profits to house and help the homeless and those most at risk of homelessness.

The Resolution further recommends that the City sponsor and support legislation and/or administrative action to identify State-owned properties to address homelessness.

BACKGROUND

The City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy has a strategy (7D) to use public land for affordable and homeless housing. The Strategy instructs City departments to identify City-owned properties that could be used for the development of affordable housing and housing for the homeless. Through this Strategy, the City has identified several sites suitable for both housing and facilities. In addition, some of these properties have been funded by Proposition HHH to build housing and facilities.


Furthermore, through the City's Crisis and Bridge Housing program, included in the 2018-19 Budget, the City can now build additional interim housing and facilities for the homeless. Several council districts have already identified City-owned properties where temporary shelters could be erected for three years or longer and one project is under construction. Additionally, the City has also been working directly with Los Angeles County and other public agencies such as Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to identify publicly owned lands for similar uses.

In the past, the State has taken a parcel-by-parcel approach with regard to approving State-owned properties for use by other jurisdictions. Individual bills have been introduced (AB 2629, AB 857) where cities have requested authority to lease specific parcels of State-owned lands to be used to address homelessness. At this time, there is no State program or agency dedicated to identifying State-owned properties that may be used to address homelessness.

Legislation and/or administrative action to identify State-owned properties for homelessness could create additional housing or service facilities opportunities for the homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. Support and sponsorship of this legislation is consistent with City's goal to produce housing and facilities to address the crisis of homelessness within the City.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

Housing and Community Investment Department


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Analyst

Attachment: 1. Resolution

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, there is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are 31,516 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, with reference to Comprehensive Homeless Strategy 7D, Using Public Land for Affordable and Homeless Housing, the City has undertaken efforts to identify City-owned property suitable for housing development and facilities to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City budget for 2018-19 has further supported development of Crisis and Bridge Housing to build crisis and bridge housing on City-owned land by allocating more than \$20 million in funding; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has many properties within the City that may not be used at this highest and best use and may be suitable as a site for facilities addressing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City has called for the State Budget to include funding to cities, counties, and non-profits to house and help the homeless and those most at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the State should be requested to identify properties and coordinate with the City and the County in making them available for use in addressing homelessness;

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 SPONSORSHIP and SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action to identify State-owned properties that can be used as housing and/or facilities to address homelessness.

Presented By: _____
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Seconded By: _____