

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 or the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Count, approximately one third of the homeless population suffers from some form of mental illness and requires mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, the California conservatorship system is one of the most important safeguards for protecting individuals incapable of managing their own affairs; and

WHEREAS, currently two kinds of conservatorship are authorized in California: conservatorships designated for individuals who are "gravely disabled" and thus unable to care for themselves, and probate conservatorships designed for individuals unable to care for themselves due to physical health issues, cognitive impairment, or elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Senate is a bill, SB 1045 (Wiener and Stern), which seeks to expand conservatorships to more effectively meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness accompanied by severe mental illness, drug addiction, repeated commitments, or exceptionally frequent use of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, SB 1045 would further maintain the many checks and balances necessary to protect individuals with mental illness from being incorrectly or unnecessarily placed in conservatorship, while facilitating their path to permanent housing and necessary supportive services; and

WHEREAS, because the legislation would better assist individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness and severe mental illness, it is in the best interest of the City to support the expansion of conservatorships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the 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 of SB 1045 (Wiener and Stern), an act relating to conservatorship which would expand conservatorships to better meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness accompanied by severe mental illness, drug addiction, repeated commitments, or exceptionally frequent use of emergency medical services; and would maintain the many checks and balances necessary to protect individuals with mental illness from being incorrectly or unnecessarily placed on conservatorship, while facilitating their path to permanent housing and necessary supportive services.

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