R E S O L U T I O N

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California lacks a clear on-going commitment to preventing and ending homelessness among young people; and

WHEREAS, According to a 2018 LAHSA report on youth homelessness and coordinated entry systems, over 3,000 youth and young adults experience homelessness on any given night in Los Angeles County, of which 31 percent report current or previous involvement in the child welfare system and 62 percent report current or previous involvement in the juvenile or criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 18,000 children and youth in LA County are in out-of-home placements, approximately 15 percent will age out of foster care, and a significant number of young people in public systems like child welfare or juvenile justice exit such systems without connections to safe and stable housing; and

WHEREAS, Exposure to trauma as a result of homelessness has been shown to be a precursor to substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, AB 307 (Reyes) would invest in low-barrier and diverse housing opportunities so that each county can access an array of options for youth to avoid housing instability;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 307 (Reyes), which would create a grant program to support young people experiencing homelessness, administered by the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and awarded to nonprofits and continuum of care (COC) administrative entities.

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