

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, the U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Services Committee advises that homelessness has reached crisis proportions in the country, with this vulnerable population having surpassed 550,000 adults and children; and

WHEREAS, homelessness has also been declared a crisis here in Los Angeles, with the 2019 Point-In-Time Count having identified over 36,000 homeless individuals in the City; and

WHEREAS, to address this issue, since 2015, the City has taken significant action including, creating the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, adopting the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, helping to pass the \$1.2 Billion Proposition HHH homeless housing bond; and allocating tens of millions of dollars annually for shelter, services, and housing as part of the City's Homeless Budget; and

WHEREAS, despite these commitments, City policymakers have stated that Los Angeles cannot do it alone, and that additional government assistance is necessary; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Waters has introduced HR 1856, The Ending Homelessness Act of 2019 which would provide over \$13 billion over five years for homeless housing and services nationwide, including permanent supportive housing, rental assistance, outreach, and case management; and

WHEREAS, the author introduced the bill stating that Congress has a responsibility to ensure that all Americans, including veterans, victims of domestic violence, the re-entry population, and those simply at-risk of homelessness, have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City should support this bill as the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority has advised that Los Angeles County represents approximately 10 percent of the nation's homeless population, and there is a clear need for federally funded housing and safety-net resources;

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 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 1856 (Waters), The Ending Homelessness Act of 2019 which would provide over \$13 billion over five years for homeless housing and services nationwide, including permanent supportive housing, rental assistance, outreach, and case management.

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