

**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, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, there are more than 550,000 homeless individuals and families in the United States, of which one quarter are in California; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority determined that there are over 31,000 homeless individuals in the City, and almost 23,000 of those individuals are unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, to address this issue, the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act, which would provide matching grants to local governments to fund capital housing costs and related services for homeless individuals, has been introduced in Congress by California lawmakers Diane Feinstein in the Senate and Ted Lieu in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the bill would provide \$750M in matching grants for five years to fund housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and families, including mental health care, substance abuse counseling, and job training, with a cap of \$25M per local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lieu states that addressing homelessness is a moral imperative and our approach should always be compassionate and holistic; and Senator Feinstein has stated that homelessness in California has reached crisis levels and that this crisis is not going to resolve itself on its own; and

WHEREAS, Senator Feinstein further states that local governments are already taking action to combat homelessness, and this bill will help them be even more effective in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City has proactively made homelessness a priority and acted to establish the Homelessness and Poverty Committee; draft the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy; annually fund the City's Homeless Budget; and pass Proposition HHH, an unprecedented \$1.2B housing bond measure; and

WHEREAS, the City should support the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act because it would provide federal grant funds to compliment the City's financial commitment to addressing homelessness, and, to ensure adequate resources to fight homelessness, the City should request that the Federal Government increase the total amount of the grant funds available nationally to more than \$750M per year, as well as increase the \$25M maximum per recipient cap;

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 the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act as introduced in the United States Senate and House of Representatives that would provide matching grants to local governments to fund capital housing costs and related services for homeless individuals; and SEEK AMENDMENT to increase the total amount of the grant funds available nationally to more than \$750M per year, as well as to increase the \$25M maximum per recipient.



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 Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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