

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, State Government Code 8698.4 allows various cities in California, including Los Angeles, to declare a shelter crisis, that allows these jurisdictions to suspend any housing, health, habitability, planning, zoning, or safety standard laws to streamline the development of homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, the City declared such a homeless crisis in 2017, which allowed the City to establish the A Bridge Home (ABH) program to serve the immediate shelter and services needs of homeless individuals throughout the City by developing 50-100 shelter beds in each Council District; and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has established four ABH projects, three are under construction, and 15 are in the development/assessment stage. All of these sites together would result in creation of approximately 1,300 beds for unsheltered homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 8698.4, the City's authority to operate the ABH program sunsets on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Quirk-Silva, has introduced AB 143, which would extend the sunset date of Government Code Section 8698.4 for two more years, until January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the author introduced the bill with the intent to provide flexibility in expediting the creation of shelter for homeless individuals to help resolve homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in accordance with Government Code Section 8698.4, the City has adopted reasonable standards for the design, development, and operation of the shelters, and staff has written a Shelter Plan detailing how the City will address the shelter crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City should support this bill, as extending the shelter crisis declaration provision in State law will allow the City to continue to help its estimated 31,000 unsheltered homeless individuals through the ABH program;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) which would extend the sunset date of Government Code Section 8698.4 for two more years, until January 1, 2023.

PRESENTED BY: 

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