

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 homelessness and housing affordability crisis has impacted every community throughout California, with no area experiencing this crisis more deeply than Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Point-In-Time Count of homeless individuals identified over 36,000 homeless individuals in the City, approximately one-quarter of the State total, and a recent study of statewide housing needs concluded that over 500,000 units of affordable housing are needed in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, to address these problems, the Mayor and Council established the A Bridge Home program to develop shelter for homeless residents, with approximately 30 potential sites identified Citywide, and helped pass the \$1.2 Billion Proposition HHH homeless housing bond to help develop up to 10,000 supportive and affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature and the Governor have taken actions to assist localities, including the City of Los Angeles, by amending Government Code 8698.4 and passing AB 1197 (Santiago) to streamline the development of homeless shelter and affordable housing by exempting these projects from the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, although CEQA is designed to require State and local agencies to identify any significant environmental impacts of developments and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible, the homeless, housing, and affordability crisis currently being experienced in California presses upon the State to further streamline the development of homeless and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, to build off of the State's recent actions to provide time-limited exemption from CEQA for certain shelter and supportive housing developments in Los Angeles, the State should further extend CEQA exemption for all homeless housing, as well as affordable housing developments in the City with 50 percent or more affordable or supportive housing units;

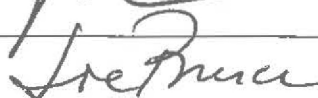
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program to SEEK/SPONSOR or SUPPORT legislation that would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act all housing developments with 50 percent or more units set aside for homeless housing, as well as housing developments with 100 percent affordable or supportive housing units in the City of Los Angeles.

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