

## RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, On September 30, 2018 a homeless man and woman were sleeping in Devonwood Park in Mission Hills when they were doused with acid, causing severe injuries to the pair; and

WHEREAS, from September 8 to September 24, another man killed four sleeping homeless men and seriously injured four others in Los Angeles and Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, the victims in these crimes were explicitly targeted because they are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, California Penal Code Section 422.55 defines a hate crime as a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of the perceived characteristics of the victim; and

WHEREAS, the current definition of hate crime does not include housing status, even though attacks against those experiencing homelessness are a persistent problem; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a significant homeless population, and the City has a responsibility to protect them; and

WHEREAS, crimes targeting those experiencing homelessness should be classified as a hate crime in California;

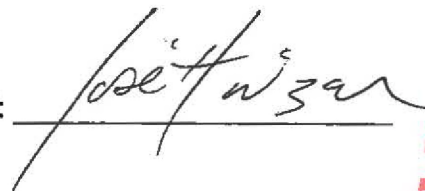
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation which would add persons experiencing homelessness to the list of those protected by the State's hate crime law.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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