

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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TO: The Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles

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Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No.: 20-03-0265

SUBJECT: Resolution to Support AB 3300 Homelessness: Grant Funds (Santiago).

SUMMARY

On February 21, 2020, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered Resolution (O'Farrell – Blumenfield et al), and a Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) Report relative to the Governor's Proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget for Homelessness. The Committee instructed the CLA's Office to monitor the State Budget and legislation on this matter. On February 21, 2020, AB 3300 (Santiago) was introduced which would appropriate \$2 billion per fiscal year to local jurisdictions to address homelessness challenges. Per the Committee's instruction, the CLA is recommending adoption of a revised resolution which incorporates revisions to specifically support AB 3300 (attached). Further, the Committee instructed the CLA to revise the Resolution to seek amendments to AB 3300 that would provide funding commensurate to need, funding for homeless prevention programs, and expedited payment of funds to homeless service providers.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council ADOPT the attached Revised Resolution to include in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3300 Homelessness: Grant Funds (Santiago) which allocates \$2 billion a year, every year, to cities, counties, continuums of care, and nonprofit housing developers to sustain and greatly expand homeless programs, interim housing, and permanent supportive housing and SEEK AMENDMENT or ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION to include funding for prevention programs, expedited payment to non-profit providers, and allocations of funds commensurate to local need.

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Attachment: 1. Revised Resolution

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 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Point-In-Time Count in 2019, there were approximately 36,165 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided capital funding for the establishment of 27 A Bridge Home projects Citywide, resulting in over 2,200 interim housing beds, through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program and Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention grants; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has imposed a ceiling of funding that provides funding for only 600 of the approximately 2,228 beds resulting in the City covering for the operational costs of the remaining beds; and

WHEREAS, the City provides capital to build permanent supportive housing and interim housing, and the County should pay for services; and

WHEREAS, there should be a dedicated ongoing funding source available to cities in California of \$2 billion a year to implement this mandate that is determined through a need-based formula which does not have artificial limitations that place caps on regions or cities; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Bill 3300 (Santiago), Homelessness: Grant Funds, would appropriate, starting with FY 2020-21 and every fiscal year thereafter, \$2 billion from the State General Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide to local jurisdictions funding to sustain or expand efforts to address homelessness challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would require \$1.1 billion to be distributed to counties and continuums of care, \$800 million to be distributed to cities with a population of at least 300,000, and \$100 million to nonprofit housing developers for specified purposes relating to the provision of housing; and

WHEREAS, the State should support the City's efforts such as A Bridge Home Program and Permanent Supportive Housing development through Proposition HHH as the homeless population of Los Angeles makes up one quarter of the homeless population of the State, and should provide funding commensurate with the need to ensure that programs are successful and are able to help as many homeless individuals as possible in an area with the most acute conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for AB 3300 Homelessness: Grant Funds (Santiago) which allocates \$2 billion a year, every year, to cities, counties, continuums of care, and nonprofit housing developers to sustain and greatly expand homeless programs, interim housing, and permanent supportive housing and SEEK AMENDMENT or ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION to include funding for prevention programs, expedited payment to non-profit providers, and allocations of funds commensurate to local need.