

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, for almost a century, the Los Angeles region has lacked the resources to significantly address homelessness, most notably in Skid Row, but also across the City and throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, On March 7, 2017, County voters passed Measure H which will provide \$355 million a year for 10 years to address homelessness by primarily providing supportive services to the 44,000 homeless in the County, of which the largest population of homeless, 28,000, live in the City; and

WHEREAS, to determine how the Measure H revenues will be budgeted, the County Board of Supervisors has convened the Measure H Revenue Planning Process Work Group consisting of 50 members, including County Department staff, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Councils of Governments, service providers, individuals with homeless lived experience, faith community appointees and two representatives from the City (the City Administrative Officer and the General Manager of the Housing and Community Investment Department); and

WHEREAS, revenue planning recommendations will be developed at multiple meetings in April and May, with the County Board set to approve funding for the next fiscal year, 2017-18, on June 13th; and

WHEREAS, County staff advise that to the extent feasible, Measure H funds will be allocated based on geographic need, as set forth by LAHSA's Point In Time Count of Homeless Individuals, with funds distributed between 19 of the County's Homeless Initiative strategies of which some correspond to the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, including programs that expand Rapid Re-Housing, provide subsidized employment, and strengthen the Coordinated Entry System; and

WHEREAS, Measure H could potentially have a transformative impact on this movement to end homelessness in the County, but change will not occur if adequate resources are not directed to address the entrenched cultures of homelessness in skid row, Venice and Hollywood, as well as the unprecedented number of encampments existing throughout the City and County including in South Los Angeles, in the Arroyo Seco, and along highways, overpasses and numerous City streets; and

WHEREAS, County services such as providing support and housing for individuals within or exiting County institutions (e.g hospitals, jails, foster care), connecting homeless individuals to benefits such as General Relief or Supplemental Security Income, and providing health and mental health services, are essential to addressing homelessness in the City; and

WHEREAS, Measure H would also provide needed resources for the County to fulfill its role in a proposed permanent supportive housing Memorandum of Understanding being developed between the City, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), and the County, where the City would be responsible for developing housing, HACLA would provide housing subsidies, and the County would provide supportive services, and

WHEREAS, as the City has taken numerous actions to end and prevent homelessness such as passing Measure HHH, developing and funding its Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, and declaring a shelter crisis in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that the County Board of Supervisors and all participants in County's Measure H Revenue Planning Process Work Group be requested to budget Measure H revenues to fully address the overwhelming and chronic homeless crisis in the City of Los Angeles which has both areas of great concentration and need and areas where services are largely nonexistent.

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