

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, for three consecutive years the homeless population has grown throughout the State of California to over 134,000 individuals, making this one of the State's top public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, this growth has continued despite the issue being featured prominently in the media and receiving focused attention from government officials at every level and the general public, resulting in significant local financial investments in Los Angeles through the passage of the Proposition HHH housing bond and the Measure H services Sales Tax;

WHEREAS, further exacerbating the rise in homelessness, funding for affordable and homeless housing has been cut by the Federal and State governments, for example, by the dissolution of the California State Redevelopment Agencies which resulted in \$1 billion less funding for affordable housing on an annual basis;

WHEREAS, the Mayors of the California's eleven largest cities, including Los Angeles, and a bi-partisan group of lawmakers have advocated for a \$1.5 billion to address homelessness;

WHEREAS, a bill, AB 3171 (Ting) Homeless Persons Services Block Grant, was introduced in the Assembly to fund homelessness services and housing; and

WHEREAS, AB 3171 recognizes that homelessness is a humanitarian crisis that requires immediate attention and this proposal would provide cities with the resources needed to develop comprehensive and compassionate solutions for the problems and issues that are different in every community; and

WHEREAS, the bill would create a matching grant program for cities throughout the State to fund homeless interventions such as shelter, diversion, rapid re-housing, rental assistance, emergency shelter, navigation centers, bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, the City should support AB 3171 because, despite significant local investments to address homelessness, no one private or governmental entity can solve this issue alone and substantial assistance from the State are needed to address the magnitude and complexity of this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby include in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3171 (Ting) Homeless Persons Services Block Grant which would create a matching grant program for Cities throughout the State to fund homeless services and housing.

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PRESENTED BY:



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