

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, Los Angeles has seen a significant increase in homeless individuals suffering from a mental illness from 2015-2017; and

WHEREAS, according to local data, there is an increased death rate among the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the status quo mental health care system is inefficient and in need of thoughtful change; and

WHEREAS, the California State Law defines gravely disabled as “a condition in which a person as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter”; and

WHEREAS, current State law fails to address the needs of those with a mental illness that are unable to provide for their urgently needed medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Assembly is a bill, AB 1971 (Santiago and Friedman) which seeks to change the definition of “gravely disabled” to consider urgently needed medical treatment as a basic human need when assessing an individual’s need for conservatorship or need for a 72 hour hold while maintaining all statutorily protected safeguards and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, because the legislation would improve effective delivery of homeless services, it is in the City's interest to support the change in definition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1971 that would expand the definition of gravely disabled to consider urgently needed medical treatment as a basic human need when assessing an individual’s need for conservatorship or need for a 72 hour hold while maintaining all statutorily protected safeguards and civil liberties.

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