

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Under the CalWORKs Assistance Program, CalWORKs families may be considered homeless for purposes of receiving additional family assistance if the family has received an eviction notice, if the family lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence, if the family's primary nighttime residence is a shelter, or if the family is residing in a public or private place that is not an appropriate sleeping place for human beings; and

WHEREAS, AB 960 (Maienschein) would remove the existing 16-day limit on CalWORKs temporary shelter assistance, which may cause families to be refused access to or lose their temporary housing due to emergencies or even the pursuit of employment; and

WHEREAS, AB 960 (Maienschein) would grant eligibility for CalWORKs benefits during instances in which a family is unable to pay rent past due, and would thus aid the family in avoiding housing instability; and

WHEREAS, There have been reports of otherwise-eligible individuals being unable to access CalWORKs permanent housing assistance because they obtained housing through a sublease or other shared housing arrangement, which is currently prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, AB 960 (Maienschein) would stabilize housing for Los Angeles's poorest families with children while also improving the effectiveness of the CalWORKs program's homelessness interventions;

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 for AB 960, which would expand the reasons for which a family may be considered homeless for the purposes of CalWORKs benefits; authorize a county to waive the 16-day and once-per-year limits on CalWORKs temporary shelter assistance; and expand the types of housing for which a CalWORKs payment may be made by to include shared housing.

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