

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, the California Community College system serves more than 2 million students across 114 campuses; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey of 40,000 community college students found that 50 percent of students were food insecure, 60 percent were housing insecure, and almost 20 percentage were homeless; and

WHEREAS, locally, a similar study was conducted in 2016 and found that the Los Angeles City College District had higher rates of food and housing insecurity and homelessness than other community colleges surveyed; and

WHEREAS, currently there are two State legislative proposals to address college-level student homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor recently proposed an additional \$1 Billion in the State's FY 2019-20 Budget to address the State's current homeless crisis, including a total of \$10M for Rapid Rehousing for students at the California State University and University of California school systems; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Berman has introduced AB 302, which would establish Safe Parking programs at all community college sites; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Berman states that housing and food insecurity among college students is a harsh reality that has only recently been brought to light, and that these insecurities cause high levels of stress and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the City should support these proposals as these basic-need insecurities have a direct impact on student academic success, and mental and physical health;

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 2019-20 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Governor's FY 2019-20 Budget Proposal to provide \$10M for Rapid Rehousing for students, and to SEEK AMENDMENT to the Budget that this program also include funding for California Community Colleges, and SUPPORT AB 302 (Berman) which would establish Safe Parking programs at all community college sites IF AMENDED to state that establishment of the program is optional and not mandatory.

PRESENTED BY: 

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

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