

RESOLUTION **FILES, 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, according to First 5 Association, families and young children account for one third of the State of California's homeless population, which also includes populations such as persons of color, the disabled, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) serves 700,000 students and their families, of which approximately 25,000 are students experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, LAUSD schools provide mental health counseling, medical services, free meals, and, in partnership with the City of Los Angeles, provides housing support through Section 8 vouchers to 500 families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, although funding has been made available by the City, County, and State to address the housing and homelessness crisis, we have not capitalized on the opportunity to provide supportive services for students experiencing homelessness at schools; and

WHEREAS, the difficulties associated with homelessness can compound the disproportionate disadvantages faced by students and compromise their path to success; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated January 9, 2020 and addressed to Governor Newsom, Darrel Steinberg (Co-Chair of the Governor's Commission on Homelessness & Supportive Housing), and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner requests funding for and proposes a pilot program with LAUSD which would provide counseling and coordinated delivery of services to aid students and families experiencing homelessness; and

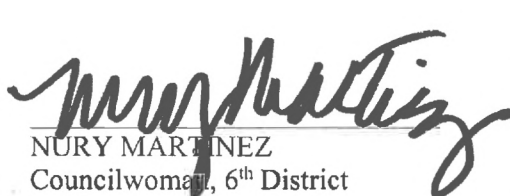
WHEREAS, the requested funding would allow LAUSD to hire counseling staff for homeless students, enhance the collection of information already being undertaken, and would allow that information to be used to coordinate the provision of services through schools with the City and County; and

WHEREAS, partnering with LAUSD, the second largest school district in the nation, and other agencies to ensure service providers can maximize opportunities to deliver services will help address homelessness and lead students to improved academic performance; and

WHEREAS, youth and families embody the future of the City of Los Angeles, consequently their well-being, whether physical, mental, or economic, should be safeguarded and prioritized;

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 additional funding for a pilot program to provide counseling and coordinated delivery of services to aid students and families experiencing homelessness.

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