

RESOLUTION **RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATION**

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 the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Point-In-Time Count in 2019, there were approximately 36,165 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided capital funding for the establishment of 31 A Bridge Home projects Citywide, resulting in over 2,300 interim housing beds, through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program and Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention grants; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has imposed a ceiling of funding that provides funding for only 600 of the approximately 2,340 beds resulting in the City covering for the operational costs of the remaining beds; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 2020-21 has \$1.4 billion in funding for homelessness which includes \$750 million to reduce homelessness by providing funding to develop housing, rental subsidies, and subsidies to operators of board and care facilities, there is still a significant need for additional funding to provide adequate emergency and long-term assistance to homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the City concurs with the Governor's Proposed Budget which focuses on supporting board and care facilities; and

WHEREAS, there should be a dedicated ongoing funding source available to cities in California of \$2 billion a year to implement this mandate that is determined through a need-based formula which does not have artificial limitations that place caps on regions or cities; and

WHEREAS, distribution of the ongoing funding should take into consideration local efforts of the cities' policies and funding, such as State matches to local contributions, as well as other sources of homeless population counts such as the American Community Survey; and

WHEREAS, the State should support the City's efforts such as A Bridge Home Program and Permanent Supportive Housing development through Proposition HHH as the homeless population of Los Angeles makes up half of the homeless population of the State, and should provide funding commensurate with the need to ensure that programs are successful and are able to help as many homeless individuals as possible in an area with the most acute conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for the Governor's Proposed FY 2020-21 State Budget allocation of \$750 million to reduce homelessness and SPONSOR legislation to include an ongoing funding source of \$2 billion a year to cities, commensurate with need, to sustain and greatly expand homeless programs, interim housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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