

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, the lack of affordable housing has become a nationwide crisis, with an estimated 24 million renters in low-income households paying over half of their income in rent; and,

WHEREAS, the issue of affordable housing is even more dire in Los Angeles, with 41,290 City residents experiencing homelessness according to the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic shutdowns exacerbated the financial struggles of Angelenos, the effects of which have yet to be fully comprehended; and,

WHEREAS, the Section 8 housing voucher program, established in 1974, provides financial vouchers to qualifying residents that can be given to landlords in lieu of rent payments; and,

WHEREAS, recipients of Section 8 housing vouchers are proven to experience decreased housing instability, food insecurity, domestic violence, and child separations; and,

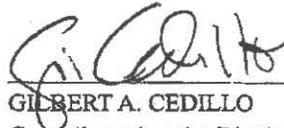
WHEREAS, roughly 16 million Americans would have qualified from the program in 2020; however, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that only 5 million people received help from the program due to budget constraints, leaving 11 million Americans without needed housing assistance; and,

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2021, President Joe Biden released a discretionary funding request that, among other initiatives, proposes to provide a total of \$30.4 billion for housing vouchers, expanding vital assistance to 200,000 more families; and

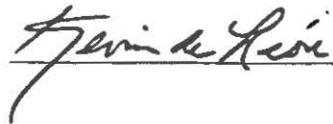
WHEREAS, to combat housing instability, the City of Los Angeles should support any action of the federal government that would enhance and strengthen the Section 8 housing voucher program and associated housing assistance programs.

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 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation that would expand housing voucher programs to be available to all eligible families.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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