

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 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count identified more than a 16 percent increase in homelessness, raising the new total to more than 41,000 unhoused residents in the City, and this estimate comes prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has exacerbated the homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, this double digit increase in homelessness underscores the need for more decisive action and intergovernmental partnerships to address homelessness in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times previously reported on a study from 2017 that found that one in every five Los Angeles Community College District students is experiencing homelessness, and that these students would greatly benefit from temporary or permanent housing, or a safe parking intervention appropriately located on Los Angeles Community College District property; and

WHEREAS, the Community College District owns several underutilized properties within their system that could be used for temporary and long term use for homeless programs; and

WHEREAS, current State law limits the ability of community college districts to best utilize their property and facilities; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California State Senate is SB 330 (Durazo), which would authorize community college districts to enter into joint occupancy agreements with a private person, firm, or corporation to provide students and employees with affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the bill would permit the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees to provide housing and services to students experiencing homelessness, as previously requested by Resolution (O'Farrell-Martinez, C.F. 21-0002-S2);

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 330 (Durazo), which would authorize community college districts to enter into joint occupancy agreements with a private person, firm, or corporation to provide students and employees with affordable housing.

PRESENTED BY:
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SECONDED BY: