

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 Lanterman-Petris-Short Act provides for the involuntary commitment and treatment of a person who is a danger to themselves, others, or who is gravely disabled; and

WHEREAS, existing law defines "gravely disabled" as a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for the basic personal needs of food, clothing, or shelter; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, a person with a mental disability can only be involuntarily committed to a conservatorship if they are unable to provide basic personal needs; and

WHEREAS, AB 2020 (Gallagher) would modify the definition of "gravely disabled" to include "a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is incapable of making informed decisions about or providing for their own basic personal needs including food, clothing, shelter, or medical care without significant supervision and assistance from another person and, as a result of being incapable of making these informed decisions, the person is at risk of substantial bodily harm, dangerous worsening of a concomitant serious physical illness, significant psychiatric deterioration, or mismanagement of essential needs that could result in bodily harm"; and

WHEREAS, the bill seeks to ensure that individuals suffering from serious mental illness, especially those who are unable to understand the negative impacts of their illness do not continue to deteriorate without the treatment and support they need;

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 AB 2020 (Gallagher), which would modify the definition of "gravely disabled" to read, in part, "a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is incapable of making informed decisions about or providing for their own basic personal needs...without significant supervision and assistance from another person and, as a result...the person is at risk of substantial bodily harm..."

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