

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, on March 7, 2017, over 69% of Los Angeles County voters approved Measure H, a 0.25% sales tax to create the first revenue stream dedicated to addressing and preventing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Measure H has raised \$355 million annually since 2017 and is set to expire in 2027, unless renewed; and

WHEREAS, SB 679 (Kamlager) Chapter 661, Statutes of 2022, created the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs), with the purpose of providing enhanced funding and technical assistance at a regional level for renter protections, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production; and

WHEREAS, LACAHSAs cannot perform or undertake any functions related to services for people experiencing homelessness, unless explicitly authorized or directly related to other supports and services its enabling legislation explicitly authorizes; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are over 46,000 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles and over 75,000 people experiencing homelessness in the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Legislature is AB 1679 (Santiago), which authorizes the County of Los Angeles to impose a 0.5% sales tax that is exempted from the State-mandated 2% cap if the county adopts an ordinance proposing the tax by any voting approval requirement and it replaces the tax currently imposed by Measure H in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, also pending before the Legislature is AB 1607 (W. Carrillo), which authorizes LACAHSAs to pass a tax measure and transfer revenue to Los Angeles County for homelessness services; and

WHEREAS, these bills ensure maximum flexibility and viability for potential ballot measures to repeal and replace Measure H and fund LACAHSAs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1679 (Santiago) and AB 1607 (W. Carrillo).

PRESENTED BY: 
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