

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles and the State of has increased in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the voters of California have indicated that homelessness and housing are the number one issue that needs to be solved; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the State has incrementally provided more one-time general fund dollars every year to address the homelessness crisis, which although significant, does not allow cities and counties to develop strategic solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Little Hoover Commission recommended in 1989 that the State establish a permanent source of funding to address homelessness, though there has been no action on that recommendation to date; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for an ongoing funding stream from the State to ensure that sufficient investment is made to address the housing and homelessness crisis of California, which has only grown exponentially since 1989; and


WHEREAS, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks introduced the Housing Opportunities for Everyone (HOPE) Act (ACA 14), a constitutional amendment establishing a long-term funding stream dedicated to solving the State's housing and homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, ACA 14 would institute a three-year funding commitment in the Constitution of California to dedicate five percent of the State's general fund each year to the State's affordable housing and homelessness crisis;

WHEREAS, based on the 2022 State budget revenue of \$200 billion, the State would invest approximately \$10 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, this Constitutional modification would protect existing constitutional budget commitments, including funding for schools and the Rainy Day Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for ACA 14 (Wicks), the Housing Opportunities for Everyone Act, which would establish dedicated, long-term funding for solutions to address the housing and homelessness crisis.

PRESENTED BY: 
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Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: 

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