

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the Mayor declared a state of local emergency concerning persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, noting in her Declaration some of the many recent occurrences elevating homelessness into an inescapable emergency in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City has at any given time approximately 40,000 people experiencing homelessness Citywide; and

WHEREAS, the murder rate for people experiencing homeless is at the highest recorded levels and increased in just 2021 by 47 percent; and

WHEREAS, the City faces an acute shortage of winter homeless shelters through March 2023, having fewer than half the number of shelter sites and nearly two-thirds fewer shelter beds than in the winter of 2021-2022, and faces a shelter shortage even after the winter season ends; and

WHEREAS, paramedic calls to address the homeless crisis on our streets and in our other public spaces are recently increasing at alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, occurrences of fires related to homelessness have nearly tripled between 2018 and 2021, averaging 24 fires a day in the first quarter of 2021, constituting a majority of all fires to which the Los Angeles Fire Department responds; and

WHEREAS, the City's eviction moratorium, which helped prevent Angelenos from becoming homeless, ended concurrently with the end of the City's Covid-19 state of local emergency, which terminated on February 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's Covid-19 State of Emergency which provided resources protecting Angelenos from becoming homelessness ends on February of 2023; and

WHEREAS, in her Declaration, which she directed shall sunset in six months, the Mayor ordered and declared that during the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City's Emergency Operations Organization shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances of the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Los Angeles RESOLVES that:

1. A local emergency regarding homelessness existed in the City of Los Angeles (City) within the meaning of Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) section 8.21, *et seq.*, at the time of the Mayor's December 12, 2022, Declaration of Local Emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies; and

2. Because the local emergency continues to exist within the City, within the meaning of LAAC section 8.21, *et seq.*, there is a need to continue the declared state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies and continues through 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution; and
3. The declaration of the state of local emergency, pursuant to its terms, shall terminate on June 12, 2023, unless the City Council directs otherwise; and
4. The City Council hereby approves and resolves that the competitive bidding restrictions enumerated in Charter section 371(e)(6) and LAAC sections 10.15 and 10.17 be suspended for contracts entered into by City departments, in response to the local emergency and mitigation efforts related to the homelessness emergency, with this suspension remaining in effect until September 1, 2023 or the termination of the proclaimed emergency, whichever comes first; and
5. Insofar as the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public funds to safeguard life, health or property, the City Administrative Officer and City Departments, upon direction of the Mayor, are hereby authorized to order any action relative to the procurement of construction contracts, service provider contracts, supplies, and equipment for homelessness facilities to safeguard life, health or property caused by the proclaimed local emergency; and
6. The City Administrative Officer shall report every two weeks to the City Council on the reasons justifying why such aforesaid action was necessary to respond to the emergency, including why the emergency did not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids or proposals and why competitive proposals or bidding was not reasonably practicable or compatible with the City's interests; and
7. In accordance with LAAC section 8.21 *et seq.*, all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel are instructed and requested to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to prevent and abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever State and Federal assistance that may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency; and
8. The General Manager of the Emergency Management Department is hereby instructed to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need to extend the state of local emergency; and
9. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____

Deputy

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