

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; and

WHEREAS, thousands of unhoused Californians are currently participating in shelter programs and residing temporarily in hotels, motels, and other sites; and

WHEREAS, as a result of long-standing ambiguity in state law, many hotels and motels resorted to ‘shuffling’ people between motel rooms or exiting people from their rooms every four weeks to avoid potentially creating a landlord-tenant relationship, a practice that was disruptive to families participating in these programs and consumed resources of case managers and service providers; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 1991 (Gabriel), which clarified state law regarding shelter and interim housing participants residing in motels and hotels to restrict shuffling amongst rooms; and

WHEREAS, AB 1991 also prohibited hotels or motels from adopting termination policies, restricting access rights, or imposing charges or fees specifically for shelter program participants that did not apply to other occupants, while outlining clear guidelines around due process for terminating participation in shelter programs that benefit both service providers and participants; and

WHEREAS, AB 1991 contained a sunset provision of January 1, 2025, in order to provide adequate time to gauge the impacts of the legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City was a key supporter of AB 1991, having approved a support resolution in July 2022 (Council File 22-0002-S68); and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Legislature is AB 2835 (Gabriel), which will extend the January 2025 sunset included in AB 1991 (Chapter 645 of the Statutes of 2022); and

WHEREAS, the City should support AB 2835 because it will continue to afford greater certainty for motel and hotel operators while continuing to prohibit the disruptive shuffling of families between rooms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 2835 (Gabriel) to extend the January 2025 sunset included in AB 1991 (Chapter 645 of the Statutes of 2022).