

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, in October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed and in 1989 Congress designated October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Police Department has consistently received around 48,000 Domestic Violence calls for service each year, for the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Survivors make up 40% of the City's homeless population making them the largest sub-population of those experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS; we will not be able to end homelessness without addressing domestic violence and creating a safe place for people to go if they leave their abusive homes; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic's Stay at Home orders LAPD received a daily 12.7% increase in Domestic Violence related calls from those before March of 2020 and a 14% increase in April 2020 over the prior year; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to supporting survivors and authorized \$6 million dollars to support Project Safe Haven during the COVID 19 pandemic serving 3,000 Angelenos during one of the most uncertain times in our city's history; and

WHEREAS, Project Safe Haven was an extremely cost effective and successful program that essentially tripled the number of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking beds across the Greater Los Angeles Region; and

WHEREAS, to further our investment, the City of Los Angeles allocated \$5 million dollars to launch the Survivors First Pilot homeless prevention program; and

WHEREAS, this one-year pilot program will fund 10 existing Los Angeles non-profit Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking shelter agencies to manage the "Survivors First" program; and

WHEREAS, this is the first City funded permanent housing program for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the program is modeled after the National Housing First program and includes three major tenants:

- Flexible funding that can be used in a variety of ways to reduce barriers to permanent housing.

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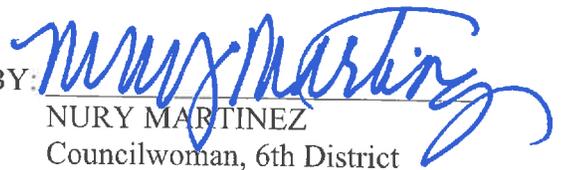
- Mobile Advocacy where a case manager meets the survivor in the field at a location that is convenient for the client. This reduces the added barrier of transportation when a survivor is seeking services.
- Landlord engagement so that agencies build relationships with landlords to increase the number of safe and affordable units available to survivors.

WHEREAS, this model has been extensively studied and has proven to be the most effective method of housing survivors, with 96% of participants remaining housed after 18 months and costing an average of \$4,000 per household; and

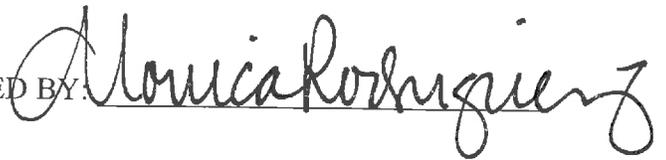
WHEREAS, investments in efforts like these need to be made from all levels of government;

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 sponsorship and support for any administrative or legislative action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to create a homeless service program modeled after the Survivor's First program that will serve Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:





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