

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, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s 2020 Point In Time Count there were approximately 41,300 homeless individuals in the City, of which approximately one-third (14,000) were women and one-third experienced domestic/intimate partner violence or were fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS domestic violence is one of the leading drivers of women’s homelessness, with approximately 57 percent of women reporting domestic violence as the cause of their homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on average, unaccompanied women wait over 10 years to access stable housing, a rate twice taht of men, and unsheltered women face a higher likelihood of sexual violence, trauma, and inadequate access to hygiene services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor created the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to develop partnerships among various homeless entities such as the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, continuums of care (continuums), and local service providers; and

WHEREAS, the HELP “Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations” Act, SB 914 (Rubio), was introduced to make California the national leader in advancing gender equity in local and state homeless response systems; and

WHEREAS this bill requires cities, counties, and continuums receiving State homelessnes funding, as monitored by Cal ICH, to ensure that the needs of domestic violence victims and unaccompanied women are incorporated into homelessnesss planning and response systems; and

WHEREAS, the City should support this legislation as homeless response systems have failed to adequately address the unique needs of women and domestic violence survivors who make up an increasingly large segment of the total unhoused population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program Support for SB 914 (Rubio) that would improve California’s response to homelessness to address domestic violence and other vulnerable populations.

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