

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1816 (Bryan), introduced on February 18, 2022 and pending in the State legislature, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to create the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program that will provide grants to counties, community-based organizations, or continuums of care for innovative or evidence-based housing, housing-based services, and employment interventions to individuals that are experiencing homelessness and have recent histories of incarceration or are on parole; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1816 will connect unhoused, justice-involved individuals with independent, safe, decent, and affordable places to live; evidence-based engagement services; evidence-based workforce development services; and housing navigation and acquisition services to facilitate the identification of and placement into permanent housing; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1816 will inform ongoing best practices by incorporating independent evaluation to review the program's efficacy, including the number of individuals served, the housing status of participants after one, two, and three years following program enrollment, and data detailing recidivism rates for program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the State of California are in a worsening homelessness and humanitarian crisis that demands comprehensive and immediate responses to address both the root causes of homelessness and the barriers that keep people unhoused in all their forms; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness and incarceration are inherently linked through the de facto criminalization of homelessness and poverty, and through the over-policing of communities of color—communities that are overrepresented in our homelessness population through systemic racism in our housing, economic, and public safety policies; and

**WHEREAS**, data from the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count demonstrates that 64% of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in the LA Continuum of Care reported justice system involvement in their lifetime and reports by LAHSA's Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness find that the impact of the criminal justice system on Black communities is a contributing factor to the overrepresentation of Black people in Los Angeles' homeless population; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been demonstrated that formerly incarcerated, formerly unhoused tenants are able to decrease their days incarcerated by over 60% and reduce rates of recidivism by 40-60%, compared to those who remain unhoused, are far more likely to access treatment for serious mental illness and substance use disorders when housed than unhoused, and are far more likely to increase their income and access gainful employment; and


**WHEREAS**, AB 1816 will further the City's efforts to break down silos between our homelessness response and reentry systems, provide data driven approaches to address homelessness, promote opportunities for permanent housing and housing stability, promote access to livable wages, and reduce recidivism and enhance public safety;

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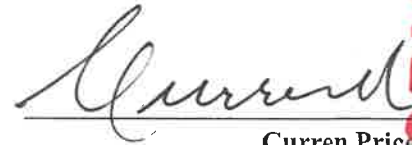
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1816 (Bryan) which would require the the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to create the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program and would require the HCC to provide grants to counties, community-based organizations, or continuums of care for innovative or evidence-based housing, housing-based services, and employment interventions; and require HCD to distribute allocated funds for a term of 5 years, subject to automatic renewal.

**PRESENTED BY:**

  
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Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District

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