

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, according to the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are 3,522 unhoused veterans in Los Angeles County, constituting 10% of all unhoused veterans nationwide; and

WHEREAS, while meaningful efforts have been made in Los Angeles and across the country to reduce the incidence of veteran homelessness, nearly 79% of all unhoused veterans in Los Angeles remain unsheltered, meaning they live on our streets, in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, many unhoused or housing insecure veterans are ineligible for supportive housing as a result of overly restrictive Area Median Income (AMI) levels that disqualify veterans who are receiving their duly-earned benefits; and

WHEREAS, housing units specifically dedicated for veterans remain vacant as a result of the poorly targeted AMI level requirements for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is already taking steps to address this issue locally pursuant to the Los Angeles Housing Department's recommendations to increase the AMI levels from 30 percent to 50 percent in Proposition HHH-funded units for unhoused veterans; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California Legislature is a bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 1386 – California Veteran Supportive Housing Act – introduced by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel; and

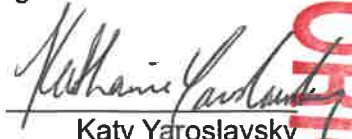
WHEREAS, AB 1386 would increase the flexibility of the State Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP) and allow local homeless systems to match a Veteran with an income at or below 60 percent AMI in cases when a veteran with a lower income cannot be located; and

WHEREAS, AB 1386 would ensure that the 5,665 units created by VHHP across 88 housing developments since 2014 are quickly and completely filled with residents who desperately need permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring that administrative barriers do not stand in the way of helping veterans, who risked their lives in service to this country, access the stable housing they deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 1386 (Gabriel), California Veteran Supportive Housing Act.

PRESENTED BY:


Katy Yaroslavsky

Councilwoman, 5th District

SECOND BY:


Jesse Gabriel

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