

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, the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act provides for involuntary detention and mental health treatment for individuals who are found to be a danger to self or others, or are gravely disabled and found to be unable to provide for their basic personal needs as a result of a mental condition; and

WHEREAS, existing law defines “gravely disabled” as either a condition in which a person, due to a mental health disorder, is unable to provide personal needs such as food, clothing, or shelter or is mentally incompetent; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman has introduced Senate Bill 43 which would expand the definition of “gravely disabled” to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the bill defines “serious harm” as causing significant deterioration, debilitation, or illness due to a person’s inability to carry out personal or medical care and self-protection; and

WHEREAS, the City should support this legislation because it would broaden the definition of gravely disabled to incorporate more individuals who are vulnerable and are not able to provide necessary personal and medical care to themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for SB 43 (Eggman) which would expand the definition of “gravely disabled” to include conditions that will result in serious harm to the physical and mental health of an individual.

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