

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, California is home to an estimated 172,000 homeless people, constituting 30% of the nation's total unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority showed a 10 percent increase in homelessness in the City from 2022, bringing the total Point-in-Time Count estimate to 46,260 people; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Maxine Waters introduced H.R. 4232, the Ending Homelessness Act of 2023, which would aim to end homelessness and significantly reduce American poverty by transforming the Housing Choice Voucher program into a federal entitlement, thus guaranteeing access to assistance for every qualifying household; and

WHEREAS, expanding the housing choice voucher program would create appropriations through 2027 for funding 500,000 vouchers in fiscal year 2024 and 1,000,000 vouchers each calendar year from 2025 through 2027; and


WHEREAS, the legislation would ensure that beginning in fiscal year 2028, families meeting certain income thresholds would be entitled to a Housing Choice Voucher and prevent public housing agencies from screening out voucher applicants or terminating assistance based on a person's criminal or drug use history; and

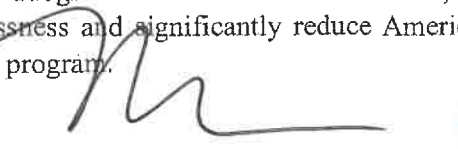
WHEREAS, the legislation would also prohibit landlords from discriminating against renters based on source of income and veteran status, thereby helping create more equal access to housing;

WHEREAS, the Ending Homelessness Act would also provide funding for outreach and case management to better connect persons experiencing homelessness with needed services and assistance, helping states and local jurisdictions better align their healthcare and housing strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 4232, the Ending Homelessness Act of 2023, which would end homelessness and significantly reduce American poverty through the entitlement of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

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