

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 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are over 46,000 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Los Angeles had a higher percentage of cost-burdened renter households than any other major American city, at nearly 60%, contributing to the growing homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, roughly 40%, or 184,721 units, of the City's 2021-2029 Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation are dedicated to planning for lower-income housing (0-80% Area Median Income); and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides a process for evaluating the environmental effects of a project, including but not limited to, water quality, land use and agricultural resources, transportation and circulation, air quality and greenhouse gas emission; and

WHEREAS, under the current law, certain supportive housing projects and emergency shelters are already exempt from CEQA, there remain numerous projects that are delayed due to CEQA challenges being filed; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Legislature is AB 785 (Santiago), which would expand CEQA exemptions for publicly funded low-barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, 100% affordable housing projects, and transitional housing for youth and young adults in the City of Los Angeles until January 1, 2030; and

WHEREAS, AB 785 would help the City to expedite the construction of interim and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of experiencing homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby include in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 785 (Santiago).

PRESENTED BY: 
Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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