

RESOLUTION NO. RES-20-0038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REDECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS; SUSPENDING APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF AN INTERIM SHELTER AT 5571 ORANGE AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 1, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, INCLUSIVE

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of this resolution is to continue to provide shelter and supportive services for the homeless in the City of Long Beach by maintaining such services at, and allowing the use of, the real property located at 5571 Orange Avenue, in the City of Long Beach, between the dates of April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 12, 2019, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted Resolution No. RES-19-0178 redeclaring a "shelter crisis" pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Sections 8698.1 and 8698.2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 8698.1 et seq., the City Council hereby finds and re-declares that there still exists a "shelter crisis" in that a significant number of persons within the City are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in, and will continue to result in, a threat to the health and safety of those persons; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 17, 2020, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Lease with the United States Veterans Initiative to operate

1 the shelter at 1718-1722 Hayes Avenue, in the City of Long Beach; and

2 WHEREAS, in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent
3 requirement for social distancing, the Hayes site can no longer support the appropriate
4 number of beds and maintain the recommended minimum distance of 6 feet between
5 persons; and

6 WHEREAS, both locations are needed to adhere to the appropriate social
7 distancing requirements;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
9 follows:

10 Section 1. That the provisions of any state or local regulatory statute,
11 regulation or ordinance, including but not limited to the City's zoning regulations
12 prescribing standards of use, housing, health or safety shall be suspended with respect
13 to the above-described interim shelter to the extent that strict compliance would in any
14 way prevent, hinder or delay the operation of the interim shelter during the declared
15 shelter crisis.

16 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of local law, the City
17 Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps as may be reasonably
18 necessary or appropriate to facilitate the operation of an interim shelter between the
19 dates of April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020, which shelter is to be located at 5571
20 Orange Avenue, in the City of Long Beach.

21 Section 3. Any and all provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinance and
22 regulations, which otherwise might regulate, apply to or govern the continued operation of
23 the interim shelter, are hereby suspended and declared inapplicable to the proposed
24 interim homeless shelter.

25 Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to
26 develop such rules and regulations related to health and safety standards which the City
27 Manager deems necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety and
28 welfare of the residents of an interim shelter and those residents and/or businesses

1 which may be affected by the operation of said shelter. To the extent applicable to those
2 homeless individuals who occupy the shelter, such rules and regulations may be posted
3 in at least one conspicuous location on the site.

4 Section 5. Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"),
5 Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq., the Council hereby finds that this project
6 is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA Guidelines 15301.

7 Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
8 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

9 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
10 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 24, 2020
11 by the following vote:

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13 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw,
14 Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin,
15 Richardson.
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17 Noes: Councilmembers: None.
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19 Absent: Councilmembers: None.
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21 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.
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26 City Clerk
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