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RESOLUTION NO. RES-16-0060

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS AND DIRECT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF MAJOR CITIES IN THE STATE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

WHEREAS, homelessness is one of the most pervasive issues facing California today; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, there were 115,738 homeless people in California in 2015, by far the most of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, rising rents, rapidly declining numbers of low-income housing units, and slow wage growth have all contributed to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, of the nations' top ten most expensive rental markets, four are located in California; and

WHEREAS, the homeless population in Los Angeles County has increased 5.7 percent in the past year; and

WHEREAS, people living in tents, shantytowns and vehicles has increased 20 percent countywide in the past year; and

WHEREAS, in January 2015, there were 2,345 homeless individuals in the City of Long Beach, including 255 children; and

WHEREAS, of the total number of homeless in Long Beach, 1,513 were unsheltered individuals and 832 were in emergency shelters, transitional housing or safe havens; and

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WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to call for a state declaration of emergency on California's homeless crisis; and

WHEREAS, given the growing homeless crisis in our City, County and State, it is important for the City of Long Beach to join the call for the state to provide the resources necessary to local governments to help address the problem;

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

Section 1. The City of Long Beach requests the Governor and State Legislature to declare a state of emergency to combat homelessness and direct resources to support the efforts of major cities in the State to address the problem.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of July 19th, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Pearce, Price, Supernaw,  
Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin,  
Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

  
City Clerk