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July 19, 2016

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt 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.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of July 5, 2016, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By


ROBIN C. ZURSCHMIEDE
Deputy City Attorney

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR
5 AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO DECLARE A STATE OF
6 EMERGENCY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS AND
7 DIRECT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF
8 MAJOR CITIES IN THE STATE TO ADDRESS THE
9 PROBLEM

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the homeless population in Los Angeles County has increased
21 5.7 percent in the past year; and

22 WHEREAS, people living in tents, shantytowns and vehicles has increased
23 20 percent countywide in the past year; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
15 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2016,
16 by the following vote:

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18 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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22 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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24 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk