

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in February of this year both the City and County of Los Angeles took unprecedented action by approving comprehensive plans to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, addressing homelessness and implementing the plans will require hundreds of millions of dollars over multiple years to provide the housing and services needed to provide stable homes; and

WHEREAS, both the City and the County are seeking to identify dedicated long-term funding sources to sustain their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors recently took action to seek legislation that would allow for the establishment of a half-cent tax on individuals whose income exceeds one million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, State legislation is needed to allow counties the authority to levy such a tax and place such a measure on the ballot for voter approval, as counties do not have the authority to levy such an income tax; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure all funding options are available to address homelessness in Los Angeles, the City should support the County's legislative proposal to amend State law to grant counties the authority to seek voter approval of a tax on personal income above \$1,000,000 per year to combat homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby include in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Los Angeles County's efforts to amend State law to grant counties the authority to seek voter approval of a tax on personal income above \$1,000,000 per year to combat homelessness.

PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 


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