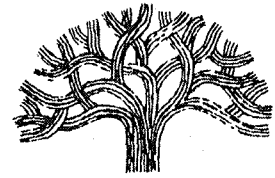


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Date: February 13, 2019

To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President Kaplan
Re: Resolution Declaring A Local Emergency With Regards To The City's Homelessness Crisis

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

For Alameda County, the 2017 Alameda County's Homeless Persons Point-In-Time recorded 5,629 people experiencing homelessness the night of January 30, 2017.¹ Homelessness is a crisis where thousands of unhoused individuals in our neighborhoods are living in substandard or temporary conditions that result in life-long health issues. Our housing crisis has only exacerbated this crisis as California now accounts for 24% of the nation's homeless population.²

The City of Oakland has acknowledged with previous Ordinances 13348 and 13456, that a shelter crisis exists due to a "significant number of persons...without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety." This Resolution is a counterpart to the existing shelter crisis ordinance by invoking State Government Code Section 8630. It declares that a local emergency exists due to the welfare and safety concerns of those who live in homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

By declaring a local emergency, we are assuring that efforts to solve homelessness remain in the forefront for this Council until we've found significant resolve on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Councilmember At Large

¹ Applied Survey Research. (2017). *Alameda County 2017 Everyone Counts Homeless Point-in-time Count and Survey*. Retrieved from http://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ALAEMDA_7-1.pdf

² U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. (2018, Dec. 17) *HUD's 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report*. Retrieved from <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2018-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

WHEREAS, homelessness has long-term and serious consequences to the health and safety of those who experience it, in particular children who are at risk of health problems including life-long behavioral health challenges; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is a national crisis where the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report found that 553,000 Americans were experiencing homelessness on a single day; and

WHEREAS, according to this 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report, California accounted for 24% of the nation's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, California "does not have enough affordable housing stock to meet the demand of low-income households" and "the state's 2.2 million extremely and very low-income renter households compete for 664,000 affordable rental homes" as stated in a report by the 2018 League of California Cities Homelessness Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, in the 2017 Alameda County's Homeless Persons Point-In-Time recorded 5,629 people experiencing homelessness the night of January 30, 2017, an increase of 1,489 people from the 2015 count; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Alameda County's Homeless Persons Point-In-Time Count, 2761 homeless persons were counted in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2018, a United Nations report on "adequate housing" described Oakland's efforts to "to discourage residents from remaining in informal settlements or encampments by denying access to water, sanitation and health services and other basic necessities" as "cruel;" and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the Oakland City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13348, which declared a shelter crisis due to a "significant number of persons...without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety;" and

WHEREAS, conditions described in Ordinance No. 13348 persist including the exposure of "homeless individuals to traffic hazards, crime, risk of death and injury, exposure to weather, lack of adequate sanitation and debris services, and other conditions that are detrimental to their health and safety;" and

WHEREAS, the number of unhoused individuals or individuals living in substandard or temporary conditions continues to overwhelm our limited City resources and has a devastating impact upon the public health and safety of our residents and the citizenry; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, multiple cities across California have declared homelessness an emergency including Los Angeles and San Francisco and in California, former Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency in 2017 for a Hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego that killed 20 homeless individuals and left hundreds ill; and

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland finds and proclaims that a local emergency exists due to the welfare and safety concerns of those who live in homelessness or at risk of homelessness and pursuant to Government Code section 8630 does so declare; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Council will renew its declaration of a local public health emergency about the homelessness crisis at each of its regular Council meetings to assure that efforts to solve homelessness remain in the forefront and the emergency will continue until its termination is proclaimed and ordered by the City Council, and will be reviewed at least once every 60 days by the City Council pursuant to Government Code section 8630; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Clerk shall communicate this resolution to all City Departments, to the Governor, to the President Pro Tempore of the California Senate and the Speaker of the California Assembly, to the regional California Congressional delegation and Senators, and to President Trump.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____