

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAPLAN

ADOPT A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND CONTINUING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE EXISTENCE OF 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

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

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 87538 that 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; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council will renew its declaration of a local public health emergency about the homelessness crisis, as stated in Resolution No. 87538 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 be it

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 Biden.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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