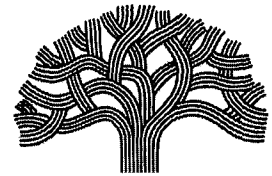


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President Pro Tempore, District 2

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Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

To: Members of the City Council

Cc: Sabrina Landreth, City Administrator

Re: Resolution in Support of AB 3171 and AB 3139

Dear Members of the City Council:

We urge you to join us in supporting efforts in the state legislature to provide the funding and access to public land needed to more adequately address the shelter crisis in our City. We bring this resolution in support of Mayor Libby Schaaf's efforts to advocate for more funding through AB 3171 (Ting) and in support of Assemblymember Bonta's efforts on behalf of the City to secure access to public land for emergency shelter.

The most recent Alameda County Point-In-Time count identified close to three thousand homeless individuals in Oakland – a number that by now is surely an underestimate. The City of Oakland lacks the resources to manage a crisis of this scale while longer term efforts by Alameda County and the City of Oakland are underway to create and fund subsidized affordable housing. AB 3171 would begin to close this funding gap by creating a Local Homelessness Solutions Program for cities to fund innovative solutions to issues – including emergency shelter, permanent housing and feeding programs.

AB 3139 (Bonta) would give the City of Oakland access to vacant parcels owned by CalTrans that are badly needed for emergency shelter programs. Currently, the City of Oakland has successfully sheltered residents at an outdoor navigation center and with additional land this model could be replicated in other parts of the City.

We hope that these efforts are the beginning of a greater wave of advocacy to redress the underlying inequalities that have led to displacement and homelessness among Oakland's long-time residents.

Sincerely,

President Pro Tempore Abel Guillén

Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney



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Approved as to Form and Legality

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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABEL GUILLÉN AND
COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILLS 3139 (BONTA)
AND 3171 (TING) THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE RESOURCES AND
THE ABILITY TO LEASE CALTRANS PROPERTY NEEDED TO BEGIN
ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OAKLAND'S UNSHELTERED
RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, providing affordable housing for the City's homeless, low-income residents, and workforce has been identified as a top priority of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has sought to identify on-going funding sources for affordable housing and has directed the City's lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. that affordable housing is a high priority for the City; and

WHEREAS, the number of homeless persons in the City of Oakland continues to increase, with the latest 2017 point-in-time count of over 2,700, and this number is likely to increase given the substantial upward pressure of residential rents; and

WHEREAS, the long term and recent decreases in Federal and State funding for housing programs have resulted in an erosion of shelter options for the most vulnerable populations including the elderly, youth, victims of domestic violence, sexually exploited minors, and persons suffering from mental illness, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the current number of homeless individuals in Oakland far outnumbers the existing shelter beds, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing units available; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), in consultation with the Mayor of Oakland and the Mayors of other major California cities, introduced AB 3171, which is a request for one-time funds of \$1.5 billion of the State's estimated \$6 billion surplus to provide for emergency shelter and programs to reduce unsheltered homelessness, as well as increase the supply of permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, AB 3171 would create the Homeless Persons Services Block Grant which would establish a Local Homelessness Solutions Program to provide matching funds for innovative efforts by cities to address the problems created by the current crisis levels of homelessness and would apportion those funds based on the count of homelessness residents; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Alameda), on behalf of the City of Oakland, introduced AB 3139 to authorize the California Department of Transportation to offer a lease to the City of Oakland, on a right of first refusal basis, for any land the City of Oakland would use for emergency shelter or feeding programs at a cost of \$1 per month; and

WHEREAS, the ability to secure property at little cost to provide emergency shelter and feeding programs would significantly enhance the City of Oakland's ability to respond to the current shelter crisis and would allow the City of Oakland to expeditiously shelter more unsheltered residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses Assembly Bills 3139 (Bonta) and 3171 (Ting) that would provide the necessary resources and the ability to lease Caltrans property needed to begin addressing the needs of Oakland's unsheltered residents.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California