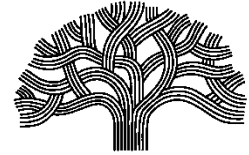


CITY OF OAKLAND



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January 14, 2021

The Honorable City Council
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Second Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Members of the City Council,

We respectfully urge your support for the attached resolution, which we have submitted with the attached fact sheet and text of the bill.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 71 (RIVAS) TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT SOURCE OF FUNDING TO REVERSE THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Libby Schaaf

Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas

Pro Tem Thao

Councilmember Loren Taylor

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SCHAAF, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS,
PRO TEMPORE THAO AND COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 71 (RIVAS) TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT SOURCE OF FUNDING TO REVERSE THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, in January 2019, over 151,278 people experienced homelessness in California, representing a 17-percent increase since 2018; and experts predict significant increases in homelessness in 2021 resulting from the COVID-19 economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, African Americans are disproportionately represented among California's homeless population; while 6.5 percent of Californians identify as Black or African-American, almost 40 percent of the state's homeless population is African-American; indigenous populations are over six times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population; and Latino Californians are least likely to access housing and services available in their communities; and

WHEREAS, homeless populations are at far greater risk for consequences of COVID-19; they are two to three times as likely to die from COVID-19 than the general population and COVID-19 is putting pressure on local homeless systems to safely shelter and permanently house people experiencing homelessness to avoid the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is a statewide crisis which requires a statewide, comprehensive solution; the state must lead in coordinating with local governments and the private sector to solve homelessness and to prevent discharges from institutional settings into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California Legislature is a bill, AB 71 (Rivas-Chiu), the Statewide Homelessness Solutions Program, which would create the Bring California Home plan to provide at least \$2.4 billion annually to fund comprehensive, statewide homeless solutions funded by revenues derived from specified changes to Corporate Tax Law; now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council and Mayor Schaaf hereby endorse AB 71(Rivas-Chiu) and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California