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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KEVIN JENKINS

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 2351 (BONTA) FOR THE SHELTER
BED TRANSPARENCY ACT**

WHEREAS, the State of California continues to face a homelessness crisis, with approximately 78% of individuals experiencing homelessness living in unsheltered conditions; and

WHEREAS, individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness are disproportionately affected by chronic disease, serious mental illness, and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, recent statewide efforts, including significant investments exceeding \$6 billion in homelessness programs, have contributed to measurable progress, including a 9% reduction in unsheltered homelessness statewide in 2025; and

WHEREAS, continued progress requires accurate, timely, and transparent data to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and guide policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, current homelessness data collection systems rely heavily on Continuums of Care (CoCs), which vary significantly in size, capacity, and populations served, resulting in inconsistent and sometimes incomplete data; and

WHEREAS, gaps in accessible and standardized local data have been identified in multiple state and local audits as a barrier to accountability and effective statewide coordination; and

WHEREAS, local governments already prepare and submit Annual Progress Reports (APRs) to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) detailing progress toward meeting housing needs; and

WHEREAS, AB 2351, the Shelter Bed Transparency Act, would require local jurisdictions to include in their APRs the number of shelter beds and housing units serving individuals experiencing or exiting homelessness; and

WHEREAS, AB 2351 leverages an existing reporting framework, thereby minimizing administrative burden while improving the quality and consistency of data available to the State; and

WHEREAS, improved transparency and standardized reporting will enable the State to better identify effective local strategies, allocate resources more equitably, and distinguish jurisdictions making meaningful progress in addressing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, access to reliable data is essential for strengthening collaboration among state and local governments and ensuring accountability in addressing homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby supports AB 2351, the Shelter Bed Transparency Act; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to enact AB 2351 to improve data transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the state's response to homelessness; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the City's legislative delegation and relevant state leadership.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California