

Staff Report

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CC - City Council Consideration to Adopt a Resolution Expressing Support for "Everyone In" an Initiative by the County of Los Angeles and the United Way to End Homelessness.

Meeting Date: September 11, 2018

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Fiscal Impact: Yes []No [X]General Fund: Yes []No []

 Public Hearing:
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 Action Item:
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 Attachments:
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Commission Action Required: Yes [] No [X] Date:

Public Notification: Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; Elise Buik/President and CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles; Westside Cities Council of Governments; and (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (09/04/18); the Committee on Homelessness (08/07/2018); St. Joseph Center (08/07/2018; and Upward Bound House (08/07/2018); United Way of Greater Los Angeles (6/26/2018); and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (06/26/2018).

Department Approval: John M. Nachbar (09/04/18)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council consider adopting a Resolution expressing support for "Everyone In" an initiative by the County of Los Angeles and the United Way to end homelessness.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Measure H, placed on the ballot for Los Angeles County voters in Los Angeles County, California on March 7, 2017, is a sales tax measure to fund homeless services and prevention. This measure was approved by 69.34 percent of the voters (a majority of 66.67 percent was required).

Supporters of Measure H made the following arguments:

1. Funds from Measure H would be used to prevent and end homelessness for tens of thousands of people across the County;

- 2. Homelessness is a large problem in LA County, and it is only going to grow unless something is done;
- 3. Funds will be used responsibly;
- 4. Measure H was designed to set up a citizen committee to monitor the use of Measure H revenue; and
- 5. Revenue from Measure H is legally restricted to homeless prevention, so it will not be used for other services.

On May 17, 2018, the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Board of Directors discussed the "Everyone In" program sponsored by the County of Los Angeles and United Way of Greater Los Angeles. "Everyone In" is described as a "powerful coalition of people who embrace the common goal of ending homelessness across Los Angeles County." This program strives to promote efforts to end homelessness, by such means as creating ways for the public to get involved, lifting up successes, and celebrating wins.

According to "Everyone In", the goal is simple: "deliver on the promise that was made when 1.5 million voters who passed Measure H and Proposition HHH [City of Los Angeles] in 2016 and 2017 and ensure that each dollar is spent wisely and goes to the goal of providing services and creating supportive housing throughout Los Angeles."

Legislative and Policy Platform

The City Council-adopted Legislative and Policy Platform supports efforts to:

- Reduce homelessness and increase services to the homeless both locally and regionally.
- Increase funding and programs to provide housing and supportive services to homeless individuals.
- Help cities address homeless encampments in a way that balances the needs and rights of the homeless with local health and safety concerns.
- Participate in the County of Los Angeles's effort to combat homelessness and further explore and collaborate with the County to identify and enhance support available for community members who are experiencing homelessness.

The adoption of the "Everyone In" Resolution supports the City's objectives to address homelessness and work with other partners to achieve these shared goals.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

There is no fiscal impact for the City Council to adopt the Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2018-08-27 - ATT "Everyone In" Background Materials

2. 2018-08-27 - ATT "Everyone In" Resolution

MOTION

That the City Council:

- 1. Adopt a Resolution in Support of "Everyone In"; and
- 2. <u>Direct the City Manager's Office to transmit the Resolution to the Office of Supervisor Mark</u> <u>Ridley-Thomas, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, and the Westside Cities Council of</u> <u>Governments; or</u>
- 3. Provide alternate direction as deemed appropriate.