



Motion to Send Letter to the Governor to Declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness

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Background

Los Angeles is in a state of emergency and the resources of the City and County are unable to solve the crisis of homelessness. When the City of Los Angeles declared a state of emergency on homelessness on September 22, 2015 after the historic motion by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and supported by the Certified Neighborhood Councils on January 3, 2015 to declare a state of emergency, dedicate \$150,000,000 to combat the problem, and to utilize abated motels and vacate city buildings, the homeless population was at 35,000. According to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times, the homeless population hovers at 47,854 people on the streets and many experts feel that the population will swell to 50,000 husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters living in squalor on Los Angeles' streets by the end of the year. It is not the purpose of local population to solve a national problem. We need State and Federal help.

Proposed Motion

Something like: SORO NC should adopt the following:

- I. The City of Los Angeles and the County needs to identify all vacant property currently owned by the City and County and all of its departments and agencies that can house temporary FEMA-style trailers for up to two years to start the housing process. All identified properties must also be large enough to have supportive services onsite. Any properties that have covenants placed on them by State of Federal agencies need to be negotiated to temporarily relieve those covenants during the crisis.
- II. The LANCC and SORO NC does not support the proposed \$1.2 B bond on the November ballot. The residents of Los Angeles are shouldering a national problem and should not be burdened with the total costs. As a national problem, we need State and Federal funding to create low income and affordable housing solutions. CF 16-0047 copy to: Governor Brown, Mayor Garcetti and City Council.

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Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 0 Against:
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)



Arguments for:

Arguments against:
