



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER PROVIDING FUNDS TO HOMEOWNERS TO BUILD OR CONVERT ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS FOR RENT TO HOMELESS FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS.

WHEREAS, homelessness in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") continues to be a pervasive problem in spite of the efforts of government agencies and private service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City and the State of Hawaii, in addition to private and non-profit service agencies, provide services to assist homeless individuals, including temporary sheltering, housing, medical and psychological care, employment counseling, and substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Statewide Homeless Point-in-Time Count estimated that out of a total of 4,959 homeless persons living in the City, 2,324 individuals were unsheltered, an increase of approximately seven percent from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, homeless individuals may remain unsheltered for a variety of reasons, such as personal preference, lack of shelter space, and an inability or unwillingness to follow shelter rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to traditional homeless sheltering and housing programs might eliminate some of the barriers that prevent certain homeless individuals from seeking assistance; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is attempting to find alternatives to traditional sheltering and housing programs by passing new laws to remove barriers to homeowners who wish to build an accessory dwelling unit or bring it up to code, in an attempt to ease the state's housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is also exploring non-traditional housing programs and has created a new pilot program, "The Granny Flats Motion" project, the aim of which is to give homeowners funds to build or convert a backyard home if they agree to rent it to a homeless family or individual; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to consider providing funds to homeowners to build or convert accessory dwelling units for rent to homeless families or individuals; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administration is requested to submit a report on its finding and recommendations regarding providing funds to homeowners to build or convert accessory dwelling units for rent to homeless families or individuals to the Council within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Planning and Permitting, the Director of Community Services, and the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing.

INTRODUCED BY:

Joey Manahan

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Aug 31, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 17-242, CD1

Introduced: 08/31/17 By: JOEY MANAHAN

Committee: BUDGET

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

09/27/17	BUDGET	CR-363 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
10/11/17	COUNCIL	CR-363 AND RESOLUTION 17-242, CD1 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE. 1 ABSENT: MANAHAN.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN J. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER