



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION'S ACTION PLAN ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH CONCENTRATIONS OF HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU WHO MAY BE SUBJECT TO PROHIBITIONS AGAINST OBSTRUCTIONS ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS OR ILLEGAL LODGING.

WHEREAS, homelessness in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") continues to be a pervasive problem throughout Oahu neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, "The National Citizen Survey, City and County of Honolulu, HI 2017" reported that residents identified the following issues as essential or very important for the City to address: 1) the homeless and homelessness (90 percent), 2) protecting Honolulu's drinking water aquifers from the Navy's fuel storage leaks (84 percent), and 3) extended authority and enforcement of "sit lie" bans (75 percent); and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Statewide Homeless Point-in-Time Count 2018 estimated that out of a total of 4,958 homeless persons living in the City and County of Honolulu, 2,145 individuals were considered to be "unsheltered," while 2,350 individuals were considered to be "sheltered" and staying in emergency, transitional, or safe haven facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Institute for Human Services, Inc., has reported that 60 percent of the City's homeless population use some form of emergency service furnished by the Honolulu Police Department or the Honolulu Emergency Services Department on a routine basis stemming from complex medical conditions, mental illness, and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012, the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice reported that the annual public cost to support a homeless individual may be approximately \$40,000 per homeless individual; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2013, the City Council ("Council") adopted Resolution 13-55, CD1, which requested the Department of Community Services ("DCS") and the Mayor's Office of Housing to develop an immediate action plan to address the public health and safety issues associated with concentrations of homeless persons in the City; and

WHEREAS, in response to Resolution 13-55, CD1, via Dept. Com. 279 (2013), DCS identified the Housing First model as the Administration's primary proposal to address chronic homelessness and submitted to the Council an implementation timeline



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under which the Administration would oversee and execute (in partnership with the federal and State governments and community and business groups) a City Housing First Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2015, the Council adopted Resolution 15-56, which requested an update on the status of the City Administration's action plan addressing the public health and safety issues associated with concentrations of homeless persons in the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2018, the Council appropriated a total of more than \$100 million in the City's executive operating and capital budgets to combat homelessness in the City; and

WHEREAS, however, City initiatives, including proposals to turn a four-story industrial building in Iwilei into a hygiene center and acquire the Hilo Hattie Building for homelessness services, have been slow to come to fruition; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2018, the City Administration introduced Bill 51 (2018), relating to prohibiting persons from obstructing public sidewalks and Bill 52 (2018), relating to prohibiting persons from lodging on public sidewalks or other public areas, which have been referred to the Council's Public Works, Infrastructure, and Sustainability Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that there is a compelling need for an update on the implementation status of the City Administration's actions addressing the public health and safety issues associated with concentrations of homeless persons in the City who may be subject to prohibitions against obstructions on public sidewalks or illegal lodging on public sidewalks or other public areas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Office of Housing and the Department of Community Services (in collaboration with other City agencies and their service providers, State and federal agencies, and public and private stakeholders) are requested to prepare and provide an update on the status of the Administration's action plan addressing the concentrations of homeless persons in the City that may be subject to prohibitions against obstructions on public sidewalks or illegal lodging on public sidewalks or other public areas, which should include but not be limited to the following points:



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- Identification of the performance metrics used by the Office of Housing and the Department of Community Services to measure the progress of the Administration's action plan;
- Identification of the specific actions that the Administration has taken over the past two fiscal years to move unsheltered homeless people into supportive housing, services, and treatment programs;
- Identification of the amounts expended by the Administration during FY 2017 and FY 2018 to implement its action plan;
- Adoption of a revised implementation plan for 2018 and 2019, with targets for development or acquisition of permanent supportive housing units within specific deadlines to move the most vulnerable and high-priority homeless unsheltered individuals and families into housing with appropriate wraparound services;
- Identification of the actions that City agencies and their contractors/provider agencies will undertake with respect to FY 2018 and FY 2019 appropriations to implement homeless housing and services solutions in each of the nine City Council districts;
- Identification of additional federal, state, and private sector, community or foundation partnerships that City agencies plan to seek out or utilize in 2018 and 2019 to provide increased case management, employment training, and other services that address the medical, psychological, social, vocational, and legal needs (commonly referred to as "wraparound services") of homeless individuals to address the homeless housing and services solutions sought in the preceding paragraph; and
- Quantification of the potential cost savings that the City would realize through the establishment of a revised implementation plan utilizing permanent supportive housing and integrated wraparound services for its homeless clientele; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Housing and the Department of Community Services are directed to report to the Council on their actions to expedite the deployment of homeless housing and services solutions in each of the nine City Council districts no later than 60 days after the adoption of this resolution; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Executive Director of the Office of Housing, the Director of Community Services, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance, the Chief of Police, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, the Director of the State Department of Human Services, and the Director of the State Department of Health.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers