

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS IN THE CITY OF CORONA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8698.2(a)(1)

WHEREAS, homelessness is currently one of the most urgent and significant issues impacting national, state, and local government; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report indicates that there are 151,278 homeless individuals in California and that California's homeless population represents 27% of the total 567,715 homeless individuals in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the January 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count and Survey Report identified 2,811 homeless individuals in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the January 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count and Survey Report identified 164 homeless individuals in the City of Corona ("City"); and

WHEREAS, a more comprehensive homeless census conducted by City Net in March of 2019 identified 209 unsheltered homeless in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corona finds that the number of unsheltered homeless in the City is significant and that more shelter and housing resources are needed, since many homeless are without the ability to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, the number of unsheltered homeless persons in the City have resulted in homeless encampments and loitering across portions of the City and within the public right of way, and such conditions present a health and safety hazard to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, such conditions negatively impact the physical environment and the use and intended purposes of City public facilities; and

WHEREAS, City staff is currently working with a City Council ad hoc committee to develop and soon present to the full City Council for its consideration a strategic plan to comprehensively address homelessness within the City ("Homeless Strategic Plan"); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Chapter 7.8 (Section 8698 et. seq.) ("Shelter Crisis Chapter") allows the governing body of a city to declare a shelter crisis when a significant number of persons are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, according to Government Code Section 8698.2(a)(1), the governing body may declare a shelter crisis, and may take such action as is necessary to carry out the provisions of the Shelter Crisis Chapter, upon a finding by that governing body that a significant number of persons within the jurisdiction of the governing body are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to: 1) declare a shelter crisis pursuant to the Shelter Crisis Chapter; 2) affirm the City's commitment to address the homeless issue on a priority basis; 3) position the City for potential Federal, State or local funding that may require a shelter crisis declaration; and 4) set the stage for Council consideration of policy options for timely development of shelter and housing interventions that will be outlined in a Homeless Strategic Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Shelter Crisis Declaration: That a shelter crisis exists in the City pursuant to Chapter 7.8 of the Government Code (Section 8698 et. Seq.), because a significant number of persons in the City are without the ability to obtain shelter and such condition has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons.

SECTION 3. Other Direction to be Provided in Homeless Strategic Plan: By the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council has not determined to waive any provisions of any federal, state or local law, rule, regulation or policy prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety that could, pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.1(a)(b), otherwise be suspended to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis. The City Manager is hereby directed to include policy options, including those regarding such waivers and streamlined processes, in the staff's presentation of the draft Homeless Strategic Plan.

SECTION 4. Effective Date: The Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest thereto, and this Resolution shall take effect and be in force on the date of its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2020.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15th day of April, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 15th day of April, 2020.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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