

## RESOLUTION NO. 17-015

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE H AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLAN TO PREVENT AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS.

**WHEREAS**, the number of individuals and families estimated to be experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County in January 2016 was 46,874, an overall increase of 2,515 people from 2015. The number of people living in encampments, tents, and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016 and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Measure H, the “Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness” is the March 7, 2017 ballot measure that will end homelessness for 45,000 people across Los Angeles County, including women and children, veterans, seniors, foster youth, and the disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, 90% of individuals and families experiencing homelessness do not live on “Skid Row”. Measure H funds will be allocated equitably across Los Angeles County.

**WHEREAS**, the most recent point in time count identified 3,006 people as homeless in the South Bay communities, of which 78% were unsheltered, an increase of 39% from 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Measure H will invest \$350 million per year for 10 years in the solutions that have been proven to prevent and end homelessness, including homeless prevention services, mental healthcare, job training and permanent housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Measure H will support non-profit homeless service providers, like Harbor Interfaith Services, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), as well as public sector agencies like the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carson provides supportive services to local homeless through LAHSA, PATH, Harbor Interfaith Services and the South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness, including meals and groceries to homeless in the City of Carson; and

**WHEREAS**, the Measure H is a “special” ¼ cents sales tax, which means it can only be used for the specific purposes of funding homeless services and housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Los Angeles will establish a citizen’s advisory committee to ensure that the funding is effectively spent. There will be specific performance standards for each funded strategy and an independent evaluation annually by an outside expert; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we the City of Carson City Council, hereby support Los Angeles County ballot Measure H on behalf of the City of Carson.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2017.

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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney