

RESOLUTION NO. 18-049

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING AB 2605, A BILL THAT WOULD END THE CRIMINALIZATION OF FOSTER YOUTH THAT ARE AT RISK OF FALLING INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, when a child is removed from his or her family, for any reason, it is the intent of the State to maintain a child's safety, well-being, and healthy development;

WHEREAS, youth in foster care have been affected by trauma, both by the fact that they have been separated from their family, and by the circumstances that led to their removal;

WHEREAS, clear guidance must be given to operators of children's residential facilities, to provide heightened protections for foster youth, and to ensure that law enforcement is not relied upon for issues that only require behavioral management at these facilities;

WHEREAS, these facilities are operated by a team of licensed and compensated individuals trained to manage behavior – the same behavior that law enforcement is being inappropriately relied upon to handle; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, of the 6,217 non-mandated calls statewide for youth behavior, only 40% of the calls were for assaultive or aggressive behavior. The remaining 60% were for behavioral health emergencies, property damage, substance abuse, and theft. The calls resulted in 435 youth being cited, 527 youth being detained or arrested, and another 319 youth being booked into juvenile hall;

WHEREAS, AB 2605 would reduce the frequency of law enforcement involvement and delinquency petitions arising from incidents at children's residential facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Carson, California strongly encourage the passage of AB 2605.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia Gause Aldana, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney