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Councilmember District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 25, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Harrison, Hahn, and Bartlett  
Subject: Resolution in Support of State Propositions 1 and 2

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Supporting State Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act, and Proposition 2, the No Place Like Home Act.

BACKGROUND

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, representatives of the East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO) requested that the City of Berkeley officially support statewide ballot measures Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, both of which generate state bond revenue for affordable housing. The Berkeley City Council has placed two affordable housing measures on the local ballot, Measure O, item 4 on July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda, and Measure P, item 5 on July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda. Propositions 1 and 2 complement and strengthen Measures O and P and demonstrate a commitment to affordable housing in Berkeley and across California.

Proposition 1 is a \$4 billion bond measure intended to address the affordable housing crisis in California by providing funding to support multi-family housing, farmworker housing, first-time homebuyer assistance, and home loans for veterans. A quarter of the bond revenue is designated for housing assistance for veterans.

Proposition 2 authorizes the state to use revenue from Proposition 63 (2004) for homelessness prevention housing for persons in need of mental health services. It amends the previously ratified proposition to designate \$2 billion towards financing permanent housing for individuals with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of chronic homelessness.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Consistent with the City's climate and environmental goals.

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Attachments:

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1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE PROPOSITIONS 1 AND 2

WHEREAS, housing affordability is an urgent issue facing families and communities across California; and

WHEREAS, more than half of California households that rent (more than 3 million) spend more than 30 percent of their income toward rent, and nearly one-third (over 1.5 million households) spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent; and

WHEREAS, the devastation of the housing crisis is evident in the growing homelessness in our communities, and as many as a third of the people living in homelessness are living with an untreated mental illness; and

WHEREAS, permanent supportive housing for the homeless significantly reduces public health costs and achieves better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, even though federal funding for affordable housing comprises a significant portion of California's resources to support affordable housing, funds allocated to California from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs have declined by 51 and 66 percent, respectively; and

WHEREAS, last year the Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed both SB 3 (Beall) and AB 1827 (Budget Committee), that placed Propositions 1 and 2 on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act, dedicates funding to help military veterans have a safe place to call home, provides stable housing for struggling families, people experiencing homelessness and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act invests in Californians' priorities including building homes, creating jobs, and boosting the economy with the measure projected to create 137,000 jobs and pump \$23.4 billion into California's economy; and

WHEREAS, a recent RAND study in Los Angeles County of supportive housing programs similar to those proposed under Proposition 2, the No Place Like Home act, found early success with more than 3,000 people moved off the streets, into housing and care, and saving taxpayers more than \$6 million after just one year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley hereby supports both the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act and the No Place Like Home Act on the November 6, 2018 ballot to provide much needed funding to support important affordable

housing projects and connect people who have serious mental illnesses to the supportive housing they need to get treatment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley supports and can be listed as a member of the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley supports and can be listed as a member of the Proposition 2: No Place Like Home coalition.