



Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 11, 2017

To: Honorable Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Bartlett, Hahn, and Davila  
Subject: Support for AB 932 – Bill Giving San Francisco and San Diego Flexibility to Build Shelters and Transitional Housing for Unsheltered Homeless Residents

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Berkeley City Council send a letter to Senator Nancy Skinner and Governor Jerry Brown urging them to support AB 932.

BACKGROUND

A 2016 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report found of the 118,142 people experiencing homelessness in the state of California, 66 percent live without shelters. San Francisco has 6,996 homeless residents and San Diego has 8,669 homeless residents.

In May 2016, a San Francisco Board of Supervisors resolution urged Governor Jerry Brown to declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness and to “create permanent housing opportunities with the right level of services to ensure that housing opportunities are stable and successful in the long-term.”

AB 932, introduced by Assemblymember Ting streamlines until 2027 processes for building homeless shelters and supportive housing upon the declaration of a shelter crisis. In lieu of compliance with state and local building, housing, health, habitability, or safety standards and laws, the city would be able to adopt by ordinance reasonable local standards for homeless shelters and supportive housing

Many cities in California are experiencing a homeless crisis. This bill will give San Francisco and San Diego the flexibility to build shelters and transitional housing for unsheltered homeless residents, expedite the process, and provide many families with roofs over their heads.

On May 30, 2017, AB 932 passed the Assembly and is on its way to the State Senate for review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This is in line with the city's environmental goals.

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Attachment:

1: Letter to Governor Jerry Brown and Senator Nancy Skinner

Dear Governor Jerry Brown and Senator Nancy Skinner:

The Berkeley City Council requests your support for AB 932 proposed by Assemblymember Ting. AB 932 expands and streamlines local governments' ability to build shelters and transitional housing for unsheltered homeless residents. We are highly supportive of any state-level legislation that gives local governments the tools and flexibility to tackle California's homeless crisis.

Respectfully,  
The Berkeley City Council

