

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), passed as Proposition 63 in 2004, provides funding to support California's county mental health programs; and

WHEREAS, counties are currently prohibited from using MHSA funds to provide mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated in county jails; and

WHEREAS, SB 665 (Umberg), introduced on February 22, 2019, would allow counties to provide more effective mental health services and treatments to individuals in county jails; and

WHEREAS, individuals experiencing a mental health crisis are more likely to encounter police than get mental health services, which can lead to incarceration, where these individuals too often do not receive the mental health services and treatments that they need; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of the people who are incarcerated in Los Angeles County jails struggle with untreated mental illness, leading to an extraordinarily high rate of recidivism and continuing victimization of the public and threats to safety that could be reduced dramatically with appropriate mental health services; and

WHEREAS, states that give incarcerated individuals access to mental health services and treatments have dramatically lower rates of recidivism than those that do not have mental health services for the incarcerated population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 665 (Umberg), and any similar legislation that would authorize a county to use State funds to provide mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated in a county jail.

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