



COUNCIL AGENDA: 3/27/2018
ITEM: 2.17 (18-443)

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 22, 2018


SUBJECT: AB 3171 (Ting) Homeless Persons Services Block Grant and SB 912 (Beall and Skinner) Housing.

RECOMMENDATION:

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on March 21, 2018, adopt a position of support for AB 3171 (Ting) and SB 912 (Beall and Skinner).
[Rules Committee referral 3/21/18 - Item G.3.]



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Housing	Date: 3/14/18	Coordination: City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	Dept. Approval: /s/ Jacky Morales-Ferrand
			CMO Approval:  3-16-18

SUBJECT: AB 3171 (Ting) Homeless Persons Services Block Grant and SB 912 (Beall and Skinner) Housing.

RECOMMENDED POSITION: Support

- RECOMMENDED ACTION:**
1. Adopt a position of support for AB 3171 (Ting) and SB 912 (Beall and Skinner).
 2. Place this item on the March 27, 2018, City Council Agenda so that the City's Legislative Representative can advocate the City's support for AB 3171 and SB 912.

BILL SYNOPSIS:

Both AB 3171 and SB 912 would allocate a portion of the State of California's General Fund budget to California cities to help address the growing crisis of homelessness.

AB 3171 would establish the Local Homelessness Solutions Program to provide an allocation of one-time matching grants to cities to create innovative and immediate solutions to homelessness. The bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from the State General Fund to the Local Homelessness Solutions Program and direct the Controller to apportion those funds to cities in proportion to each city's most recent homeless population count. The bill would authorize these funds to be expended for several uses including but not limited to shelter diversion, rapid re-housing, rental assistance, emergency shelter, navigation centers, bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing. A press release from the author's office estimates the fund to allocate a total of \$1.5 billion, however, the bill does not yet specify an amount.

SB 912 would provide \$2 billion in funding from the State General Fund for a range of programs to serve residents experiencing homelessness and other low- and moderate-income households. If approved, the funds would be administered through existing housing programs such as the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Capital Development Program, Homeless Youth Multifamily Housing Program, Multifamily Housing Program, and others administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Eligible recipients would include cities and counties that provide a local funding match.

IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSÉ:

On any given night, 4,350 individuals in San José experience homelessness. Homelessness, and the lack of available housing for Extremely Low-Income populations, continues to be a pressing issue for the City of San José and the rest of Santa Clara County. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report,¹ among the 48 Major City Continuums of Care in the nation, San José /Santa Clara County has:

¹ 2017 PIT; 2017 HIC; Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress

- the second largest number of unaccompanied homeless youth;
- the fourth largest number of unsheltered homeless individuals;
- the sixth largest population of chronically homeless individuals;
- the sixth largest homeless veteran population; and
- the sixth largest number of homeless persons on any given night.

While nearly 2,000 individuals were housed in Santa Clara County from August 2016 to July 2017,² existing resources are not sufficient to address the outstanding need. A new dedicated source of funding for capital projects and social services would leverage Measure A funding and enable the City to assist more homeless individuals and families with finding safe and secure transitional and permanent housing opportunities.

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

These bills directly address one of the City’s adopted 2018 Legislative Guiding Principles, which is to “Support legislation and secure funding sources to end homelessness to benefit unhoused veterans, youths, families, individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities, and victims of domestic violence.”

These bills also support two additional Legislative Guiding Principles: 1) “Advocate for State and Federal agencies that separately fund capital development and supportive services to coordinate funding availability and awards” and 2) “Protect, increase, and seek new funding and tools for affordable housing production and community development.”

Passage of these bills will result in additional resources for homeless programs and housing, which is the City’s desired outcome for this policy area.

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:

These two bills were introduced at the request of the California Big 11 Mayors, a bipartisan group of the Mayors of California’s 11 largest cities. Members include Los Angeles, San Diego, San José, San Francisco, Fresno, Long Beach, Sacramento, Oakland, Bakersfield, Anaheim, and Santa Ana.

There are currently no listed opponents for either bill.

STATUS OF BILLS:

AB 3171 may be heard in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on March 19, 2018. SB 912 has been re-referred to the Committee on Rules for assignment.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Jacky Morales-Ferrand, 408-535-3851

² Community Plan to End Homelessness In Santa Clara County 2015-2020 Mid-Year Report; August 2016 - July 2017