

Resolutions Committee Report

of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party

August 13, 2019

Matching Funds to Address Homelessness in Los Angeles

WHEREAS in 2016, the voters approved Proposition HHH (Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing, and Facilities Bond), making a 1.2 billion dollar commitment to providing permanent supportive housing (PPH) and shelter for the homeless; in 2018, the HHH program housed 21,000 people, creating a record number of housing placements and demonstrating the value of this investment in our community; and

WHEREAS although thousands of lives have been improved, a recent survey has shown that homelessness continues to increase by 16%, and a large percentage of people experiencing homelessness today have never been homeless before, an outcome due to high rents, weak investment in covenanted affordable housing, and little to no preservation of rent stabilized units; and

WHEREAS to fully address homelessness and build on the success of the HHH program, the Los Angeles Mayor and City Council have asked the State Legislature to match our investment and draw such revenue from the state's rainy-day fund: when our residents are on the street without shelter, there is no clearer definition of a rainy day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Los Angeles County Democratic Party joins the Los Angeles Mayor and City Council in calling for state matching funds to build on the success of Proposition HHH (Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing, and Facilities Bond); we have made a 1.2 billion dollar investment in our community that is working, we have already provided housing for tens of thousands of Angelinos, but to fully meet the growing plight of homelessness in our community we must do more; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be communicated to the President pro Tem of the California Senate Toni Atkins and Speaker of the California Assembly Anthony Rendon.

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SHERIFF VILLANUEVA NEEDS TO RESTORE TRUST IN HIS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva ran for office and was endorsed by many Democratic organizations including the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, he ran on a platform of reforming and restoring trust in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; but, since his election, trust has only been further eroded by numerous complaints of abuse of his office; and

WHEREAS criticisms of Sheriff Villanueva include the illegal rehiring of his former campaign driver, Caren Carl Mandoyan, despite Mandoyan's clear record of misconduct, along with the rehiring of other Deputies accused of serious violations, and the hiring of his son, despite a history of driving under the influence; the creation of the so-called Truth and Reconciliation Panel, which has been used to illegally circumvent the County's Charter-established Civil Service Commission and threatens to be used to rehire 400 more previously fired deputies; pressuring a Sheriff's Department official to cover up a record of misconduct; and, immigrants in the Sheriff's custody continue to be delivered to ICE agents; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Democratic Party should hold its endorsed candidates accountable and ask them to represent our values and the standards of good government; the Sheriff has so far failed to adequately address the above concerns, so, we are now making a public appeal to the Sheriff asking him to make significant changes to restore the public's trust in Sheriff's Department;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party recognizes that Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva's actions have eroded the trust of the public, the Sheriff Department's governmental partners, and this body; we call upon Sheriff Villanueva to take immediate actions to restore trust in his department by shutting down the Truth and Reconciliation Panel and reversing all its decisions, returning to traditional hiring practices in line with the Civilian Oversight Commission's recommendations, ending prisoner transfers to ICE through all means including using contractors as middlemen; we also ask the Sheriff to seek guidance from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as to how trust and transparency can be restored in the Sheriff's Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be communicated to Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the members of the County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by Richard Mathews, AD45, on behalf of DPSFV

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IN SUPPORT OF A “GREEN NEW DEAL” FOR LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) “Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C” (SR15) calls for 40% to 60% greenhouse gas emission reductions from 2010 levels by 2030 and net-zero global emissions by 2050, reductions targets that Los Angeles, as a climate leader, must aim to exceed; and

WHEREAS we applaud the Los Angeles City Council’s April 16, 2019 call for a report outlining a plan for a “Green New Deal for Los Angeles” that “mirrors the principles and priorities of” H. Res. 109, the national Green New Deal (GND), which outlines a framework for a massive ten-year mobilization that achieves net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 while providing all people of the United States with high-quality health care, affordable housing, and union jobs that pay family-sustaining wages, and promotes justice and equity for frontline and vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS the City’s current efforts do not include any timeline for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions nor any city-wide guarantee of healthcare, housing, jobs, or wages; and the City’s requested 100% Renewable Energy Study does not include proposals for achieving 100% clean renewable grid energy by 2030 and allows for the continued combustion of dirty fuels as well as unbundled renewable energy credits (RECs);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Los Angeles County Democratic Party urges the City of the Los Angeles, as well as other local communities, to develop “Green New Deal” mobilization plans that are consistent with the national GND’s timeline for reduction to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, create union jobs with family-sustaining wages, ensure quality healthcare and affordable housing for all, prioritize the voices and needs of historically marginalized communities, ensure a transition to 100% clean renewable energy by 2050 without the use of biomass, biogas, nuclear generation or RECs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party will send copies of this resolution to Mayor Eric Garcetti, each member of the Los Angeles City Council, and the LADWP.

Submitted by Richard Mathews, AD45, on behalf of DPSFV

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