

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE SENATE BILL 1380 – HOMELESS
COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the State of California leads the nation in the number of homeless residents, with approximately 115,738 people experiencing homelessness at any single point in time, 21% of the nation's total. California also leads the nation in the number and ratio of chronically homeless residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside has approximately 258 people experiencing homelessness, which is 19% of the County's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, homelessness affects multiple systems in California. Though almost every state with significant homeless populations has established a council to coordinate a Housing First-oriented response to homelessness, California does not have an entity to manage the State's response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, solutions to homelessness must be coordinated statewide. Larger cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego as well as smaller municipalities like Redding and Yolo, are searching for answers and best practices to help homeless populations in their respective areas; and

WHEREAS, Housing First providers offer services as needed and requested on a voluntary basis and does not make housing contingent on participation in services; and

WHEREAS, the Housing First model recognizes the need to allow an individual experiencing homelessness be provided a safe harbor in which to rest and heal, before other underlying issues can be tackled with hope of success; and

WHEREAS, solving homelessness is possible but only through strong coordination among state and local agencies. This collaboration is critical in furthering the goal of creating housing opportunities based on a statewide-Housing First approach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside Housing Authority owns 21 permanent supportive housing units that follow the Housing First model; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Housing First policy, staff is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution to support passage of Senate Bill 1380 – Homeless Coordinating and

1 Financing Council; and

2 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1380, if passed, will establish California as a Housing First state by
3 creating the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), which will oversee
4 the implementation of Housing First in California; and

5 WHEREAS, the HCFC will serve as the single statewide homelessness planning and policy
6 development resource, coordinating funding and applications for competitive funding for programs
7 that prioritize housing the chronically homeless; and

8 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1380 will require departments administering state programs to
9 coordinate with the HCFC to adopt Housing First guidelines and regulations to incorporate core
10 components of the Housing First policy by July 1, 2019.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
12 California, as follows:

13 Section 1: The City of Riverside hereby expresses its support for Senate Bill 1380 – Homeless
14 Coordinating and Financing Council.

15 Section 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted
16 to the author of Senate Bill 1380, the Committee Chair, the Senate Pro Tempore, and to the elected
17 state representatives of the City of Riverside.

18 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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21 WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
22 Mayor of the City of Riverside

23 Attest:

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25 COLLEEN J. NICOL
26 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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1 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the ____
3 day of _____, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

7 Abstain:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
9 City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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12 COLLEEN J. NICOL
13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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