

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8698

WHEREAS, California's Governor and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have proposed funding for homelessness under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) as part of Assembly Bill 74, a trailer bill to the 2019-20 Budget Act which will be signed prior to July 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, For the 2018-19 Budget Year allocation of HEAP, the Governor and Legislature required jurisdictions seeking an allocation through HEAP to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code Section 8698 and such declaration is reasonably expected with the new allocation of HEAP funding; and

WHEREAS, The County of Orange has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Based on the 2019 Point in Time Count, the City of Fullerton finds that approximately 473 persons within the City of Fullerton are homeless and of those 308 were living without shelter; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fullerton finds that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain immediate shelter due to the construction of two forthcoming homeless navigation centers to be opened in December, 2019 at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fullerton finds that the health and safety of unsheltered persons in the City is threatened by a lack of shelter and access to intake and coordinated entry services offered by shelters and navigation centers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fullerton affirms the County of Orange's commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fullerton affirms the declaration of shelter crisis exists in order to be eligible for federal and state funding to lessen the incidence of homelessness and that absent funding availability, the requirement to declare a shelter crisis is no longer necessitated; and

WHEREAS, it is additionally the intent of the City that by declaring a shelter crisis that pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.2 (b) the State of California will support the earlier opening of the California National Guard Armory in Fullerton for utilization as an emergency shelter to alleviate the lack of shelter prior to the two new navigation centers opening;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council declares that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698 exists in City of Fullerton and authorizes the City's participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL ON _____, 2019.

Jesus J. Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucinda Williams, City Clerk

Date _____