

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 311717

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 08 2018

ITEM # 332

4/24/18

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AMENDING AND RENAMING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 000-51 REGARDING HOMELESSNESS AS A NEW POLICY ENTITLED "COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HOMELESSNESS."

WHEREAS, Council Policy No. 000-51, entitled "Comprehensive Homeless Policy" was adopted as a Council Policy of the City of San Diego (City) on June 12, 1995 and has not been amended, although fundamental methods for developing meaningful solutions to homelessness have changed since that time; and

WHEREAS, previously, as a prerequisite to being offered placement in long-term, stable housing, governments and other entities with a role in addressing homelessness expected that individuals experiencing homelessness would first meet various criteria thought to contribute to their homelessness, such as addressing mental health needs and managing narcotics or alcohol addictions; and

WHEREAS, over time, an alternative model emerged, as it became apparent that that approach may not best serve the needs of a changing homeless population or prove to be the most successful means of ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the modified approach differs from the previous approach in numerous ways. One is that the newer approach maintains a focus on coordinating systems among various entities that have roles in addressing homelessness, such as assessment and entry systems. Another is that this approach incorporates a concept referred to as "Housing First," which is predicated on the principle that individuals experiencing homelessness are ready for housing regardless of how long each has been without housing or his or her ability to meet criteria related

to mental health, sobriety, and the like, and that individuals are better equipped to address those issues once they achieve stable housing status; and

WHEREAS, the City has acknowledged and incorporated into various City actions the principles of the updated approach and the Housing First model – for example, through its work with the San Diego Housing Commission and Regional Task Force on the Homeless – but the current Council Policy does not strongly reflect that commitment or describe the City Council’s specific expectations for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend Council Policy 000-51 to memorialize that the City’s approach to addressing homelessness is consistent with current national best practices and to establish a means to achieve success pursuant to the prevailing approach; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that Council Policy No. 000-51, entitled “Comprehensive Homeless Policy,” is amended by being stricken in its entirety and replaced with a new policy and a new title: “Comprehensive Policy on Homelessness.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the amended Council Policy is on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR- 311717.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk is instructed to update the Council Policy Manual to include Council Policy 000-51, as amended by this Resolution.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By Keely M. Halsey
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Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of APR 24 2018.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5/8/18
(date)


KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on APR 24 2018, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Barbara Bry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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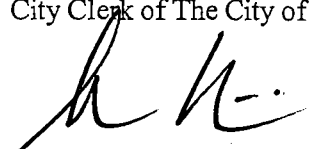
(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

(Seal)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By , Deputy

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