

#503 1-9-24

(R-2024-274)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315309

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JAN 22 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 1, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM AND BOND MEASURE, ON THE MARCH 2024 STATEWIDE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023, the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) voted unanimously to adopt San Diego Resolution R-315249 (Dec. 11, 2023), declaring a behavioral health bed crisis in the City of San Diego (City); and

WHEREAS, the behavioral health bed crisis has led to individuals being unable to connect to the care they need, and in many cases, has led to people being stuck in cycles of homelessness or the justice system; and

WHEREAS, the behavioral health bed crisis has also led to longer emergency department wait times due to limited hospital beds, lack of post-acute care options, and few options for supportive services; and

WHEREAS, some behavioral health patients wait weeks, or even months, in hospitals just to be placed in a proper facility; and

WHEREAS, according to the County of San Diego's (County) Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) Model, to meet the needs of the community, the County must increase subacute services by 64 percent, community-based care by 142 percent, and community crisis diversion by 359 percent; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Workforce Partnership revealed the region will need to double its behavioral health workforce by 2027 in order to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 326 (SB 326) and Assembly Bill 531 (AB 531), a legislative package collectively known as “Proposition 1,” which qualified the ballot measure to be placed before state voters on the March 2024 statewide election; and

WHEREAS, SB 326, authored by Senator Eggman, seeks to reform the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) which funds 30 percent of California’s mental health system, but has not undergone reform since it was adopted 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, SB 326 aims to rename the MHSA to the Behavioral Health Service Act and expand its purpose to include substance use disorders, provide ongoing resources for housing and workforce development, and continue investments in prevention, early intervention, and innovative pilot programs; and

WHEREAS, SB 326 will require counties to prioritize housing interventions and Full Service Partnership programs (FSP), which are key to Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court’s successful implementation; and

WHEREAS, SB 326 will require counties to demonstrate coordinated behavioral health planning using all service and sources of funding to increase transparency, stakeholder engagement, and program outcomes; and

WHEREAS, SB 326 requires local data analysis to identify behavioral health disparities and requires the Department of Health Care Services to work with counties and stakeholders to establish outcome metrics for services and programs; and

WHEREAS, SB 326 establishes a new, annual County Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report to provide public visibility into county results, disparities, spending, and longitudinal impact on homelessness; and

WHEREAS, AB 531, authored by Assemblymember Irwin, would be the largest expansion of behavioral health treatment and residential settings in California's history, creating a bond to re-focus \$6.38 billion of existing funding to build 11,150 new treatment beds and permanent supportive housing units, and 26,700 treatment slots; and

WHEREAS, AB 531 will fund intensive services for homeless individuals with severe mental illness, counseling for children, and dedicate investment to service veterans; and

WHEREAS, if adopted by voters, Proposition 1 will implement both SB 326 and AB 531, to modernize how California treats mental illness, substance use disorders, and homelessness, and include new accountability and oversight measures for counties to improve performance; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 will increase access to mental health care, provide treatment and housing to those in crisis and with serious mental illnesses, and build California's health care workforce; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 is key to providing the funding and legislative reform critical to address our region's most dire issues; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff and third parties, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

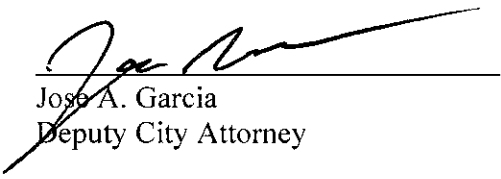
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego supports California Proposition 1, the Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure, on the March 2024 statewide election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council calls upon the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego to immediately support California Proposition 1, the Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests the City's Government Affairs Department staff transmit this Resolution to the City's state and county lobbyists or other appropriate personnel, to ensure this Resolution is received by state and county representatives and made part of the official record of support for California Proposition 1, the Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By




Jose A. Garcia
Deputy City Attorney

JAG:nsf
December 21, 2023
Or.Dept: Council District 7
Doc. No. 3511742

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JAN 09 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 1/22/24
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JAN 09 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District 4 - vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JAN 22 2024.

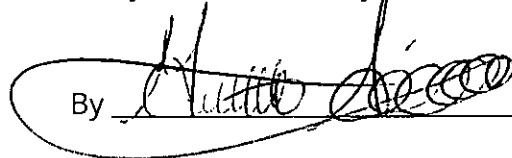
(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

Resolution Number R- 315309