

Resolution No. 2017 – 1
A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other federal agencies provide critical funding and services that assist people experiencing homelessness and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, the President released a discretionary spending plan that broadly proposes cuts to non-defense discretionary funding, including a proposed 16.2 percent cut to HHS, a 13.2 percent cut to HUD, and the proposed elimination of programs and agencies that affect the issue of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides communities flexible funding to address local needs including over \$3.5 million in funding for services to homeless families in the greater Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, HUD's HOME Investments Partnership Program assists the cities of greater Los Angeles with financing the construction and preservation of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, HHS's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program provides flexible funding for communities to administer services to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income neighborhoods and serve special populations including shelter for domestic violence survivors and services for homeless youth in the greater Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) assists low-income individuals and families in Los Angeles and other communities by providing free civil legal aid for issues that, if left unaddressed, can result in homelessness through events such as unwanted evictions; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) provides the highest level of coordination amongst 19 federal agencies and aligns those efforts with strategic support to states and communities to drive action and proven results, including more than 30 communities and two states achieving an end to veteran homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these and other non-defense discretionary program and services that serve and protect low-income and homeless households would harm efforts to end homelessness across Los Angeles County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments affirms its support of full funding for programs at HUD, HHS and other federal agencies that fund critical services and housing that prevent and ameliorate homelessness.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors this 27th day of April 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


James Osborne, Chair

ATTEST:


Jacki Bacharach, Board Secretary