



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Ken Striplen

DATE: July 10, 2018

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION: SENATE BILL 792

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council support Senate Bill 792 and transmit position statements to Senator Scott Wilk, Santa Clarita’s state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Brown, and the League of California Cities.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Senator Scott Wilk (R-21-Santa Clarita), Senate Bill 792 requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council) to develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in California.

In 2016 Senate Bill 1380 (Mitchell) established a statewide Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to facilitate a statewide approach to our growing homeless crisis. Unfortunately, the Council did not receive any dedicated funding, staff, or any tasks to complete any of its stated mission.

In 2018 the California State Auditor, at the request of Senator Scott Wilk and Assembly Member Tom Lackey, conducted an audit of the state’s approach to homelessness, and in the report the Auditor outlined a number of deficiencies.

Among the Auditor’s recommendations was that the Council be fully funded. That is being remedied in this year’s state budget. The next recommendation was for the Legislature to require the Council “to develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in California, including goals and objectives and timelines for achieving them, and metrics for measuring their achievements. Included among the goals and objectives should be the identification of additional funding sources that state and local agencies can use to better address California's homelessness issues.” Senate Bill 792 fully implements this recommendation.

Additionally, the Auditor recommended that the Legislature should require the Council to

implement steps to assist the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care lead agencies in better implementing HUD-recommended activities, including conducting annual counts of the unsheltered homeless population, raising nonfederal funding, and coordinating with other agencies. Senate Bill 792 also fully implements this recommendation.

The City of Santa Clarita 2018 Legislative Platform includes a component related to local homelessness issues. Component 11 under the "State" section of the Legislative Platform advises that the City Council, "Support legislation, regulatory or administrative efforts that provide additional authority or funding for municipalities to address homeless issues within their communities."

Senate Bill 792 was originally introduced on February 17, 2017, as a bill related to an oversight commission on Measure B but was significantly amended on May 25, 2018, to its current version related to the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. This current version unanimously passed the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development (7-0-0) on June 27, 2018, and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. This bill is pending in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations and no hearing date is set at this time.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a "neutral" position on Senate Bill 792
2. Adopt an "oppose" position on Senate Bill 792
3. Take no action on Senate Bill 792
4. Refer Senate Bill 792 to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted FY 2018 -19 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Senate Bill 792 - Bill Text