



[Supporting AB 1386 to expand and expedite the administration of the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014]

Resolution recognizing the need for expanded support for homeless and at-risk veteran populations in California and urging the passage of AB1386.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.8 million veterans residing in the State of California, including over 10,000 homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 (the Act) established programs to establish and implement programs to support veterans at risk for, or experiencing, temporary or chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The Act mandates that the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (the Departments) use at least 50% of funds awarded for capital development to provide housing to veterans with extremely low incomes, and that at least 60% of units funded targeting extremely low-income households are supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, The Act established the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to allocate specified federal low-income housing tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Veterans earning up to 60% of area median incomes face challenges in



securing affordable housing, leading to housing insecurity and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to rapidly match prospective, low income veteran tenants to available housing units to prevent lasting homelessness among veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission supports the call to the California Legislature to empower the Departments to expand their efforts to provide housing and supportive services to veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the Legislature to empower referral entities tasked with making referrals of units targeted to extremely low-income households to match veterans with low incomes, up to 60% of the area median income, in the event that eligible tenants are unable to be matched to and accept placement in available units within 14 days of the unit's listing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission encourages transparent, documented good faith efforts to match tenants with extremely low incomes to housing units, prior to a veteran with a non-qualifying income of up to 60% of the area median income placement, consistent with the Act's spirit; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission supports establishing a standardized, online form for referral entities to petition the California Tax Credit Allocation



Committee authority to locate, match, or otherwise place veterans with incomes of up to 60% of the area median income in a qualified unit; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to adopt review processes and procedures that allow it to make written determinations on such petitions within 30 days of receiving it; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission is committed to supporting policies and programs that assist veterans in our state in obtaining benefits to facilitate the elimination of veteran homelessness in California.