



OCEAN BEACH TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION

In Support of Addressing Chronic Homelessness with Best Practices and Calling Upon the City and County of San Diego to Bring Homelessness Resources, Outreach, and Programs to the San Diego Coastal Communities

September 10, 2014

WHEREAS, on any given night in the United States, there are 610,042 homeless persons¹; and,

WHEREAS, on any given night in San Diego County, there are 8,506 homeless persons, of which 3,985 are unsheltered²; and,

WHEREAS, on any given night in the entire City of San Diego, there are a total of 5,199 homeless persons, of which 2,468 are unsheltered³; and,

WHEREAS, there are a total of 613 homeless persons residing in District 2 of the City of San Diego (largely defined as the coastal communities), which represents the second highest concentration of homeless persons in our region⁴; and,

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Diego and their partners have successfully implemented pilot programs known as “Registry Week” and “Blitz Week” using best practices to end chronic homelessness, and provide permanent supportive housing with case management and services to more than 225 highly vulnerable homelessness persons in the Downtown San Diego⁵; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, the City and County of San Diego and their partners of the Campaign to End Homelessness in Downtown San Diego have housed over 1,150 formerly homeless individuals⁶; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Diego has embarked on a new program known as the “25 Cities Initiative” to implement better and more coordinated homelessness outreach, end chronic veteran homelessness by 2015, and immediately place 150

¹ San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless, [2014 We All Count Reports](#)

² San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless, [2014 We All Count Reports](#)

³ San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless, [2014 We All Count Reports](#)

⁴ Office of Councilmember Ed Harris, Point Loma Public Forum on Homelessness, July 10, 2014

⁵ <http://endingsdhomelessness.org/our-work/>

⁶ <http://endingsdhomelessness.org/2014/07/28/4th-anniversary-special-edition/>

veterans and 100 chronically homeless individuals in housing from Downtown San Diego⁷;

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable and a tragedy to have chronic and veteran homelessness occur at such staggering levels in America's Finest City; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Town Council is committed to promoting the general betterment of Ocean Beach and the welfare of its residents, including our homeless residents, and to fostering cooperative efforts among all community organizations and residents for their mutual benefit; and, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Beach Town Council calls upon the City and County of San Diego to now bring their successful practices, and homelessness resources and programs (inclusive of using the Housing First model with permanent supportive housing; coordinated outreach, intake, and assessment; providing supportive services that are specific to client needs; and building collaborative partnerships) beyond Downtown San Diego and into District 2 of the City of San Diego and our coastal communities, inclusive of Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and the river beds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ocean Beach Town Council calls upon the City and County of San Diego to make it a priority to end chronic and veteran homelessness regionally, and not just in Downtown San Diego; and be it further

RESOLVED by the Ocean Beach Town Council Board of Directors that this resolution shall be sent to, but not limited to: the Office of Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins; San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer; Council President Todd Gloria; Councilmember Ed Harris and Lorie Zapf and the members of the City Council of San Diego; the leaders of 25 Cities San Diego and the Campaign to End Homelessness in Downtown San Diego; Town Councils from District 2 coastal communities; the Ocean Beach Main Street Association; the Ocean Beach Planning Board; other local community groups; local media outlets, and members of the Ocean Beach Town Council.

This Resolution was passed by the Ocean Beach Town Council on September 10, 2014.

⁷ <http://endingsdhomelessness.org/>