

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL, CA SUPPORTING HOUSE THE HOMELESS, INC. AND THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN THE CREATION OF SHELTERS AND FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, our nation's Municipalities are facing untold millions of dollars of tax payer costs to address and respond to homelessness that include constructing emergency shelters, day drop in facilities, transitional housing units, single room occupancy units, case management at various levels, the use of hospital emergency rooms as if they were health clinics, creation and maintenance of parallel homeless court systems and police involvement to deal with "Quality of Life" ordinances e.g. No Sit, No Lie, no panhandling, no feeding, no loitering, no camping etc. ordinances including the creation and enforcement of drug courts, detoxification, treatment facilities, excess reliance on food stamps, excess reliance on general assistance, on Temporarily Aid to Needy Families, TANF, Earned Income Tax Credits, EITC, and

WHEREAS, our parks and wooded areas have become occupied with people experiencing homelessness thus changing and affecting their intended use for general recreational purposes and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that while 90% of people experiencing homelessness are desirous of work but half of all of these persons are so disabled that they cannot work or even access housing with the federal government stipend (Supplemental Security Income, SSI, presently set nationwide at \$721.00 per month or about \$4.35 per hour and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that the other half of all people experiencing homelessness who are capable of work, are unable to obtain and retain base housing even by working 40 hours a week at the current Federal Minimum Wage presently set nationwide at \$7.25 per hour and

WHEREAS, several U.S. Conference of Mayors reports have indicated that a full 40 hour a week minimum wage worker cannot get into and keep basic rental housing and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Minimum Wage and the Supplemental Security Income, SSI stipend, are set by a governmental standards outside of the jurisdiction of the nation's Municipalities, and yet the outcome of these standards create the financial conditions and burden as described above, and

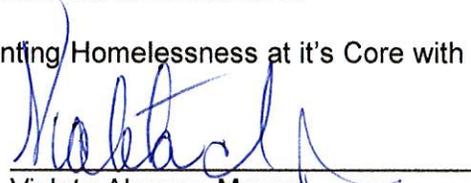
WHERE AS, the antithesis of housing is homelessness and the antithesis of homelessness is housing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the US Conference of Mayors is urged to bring this matter to the attention of United States US House of Representatives and the United States Senate and call upon them to address the Federal Minimum Wage and SSI Standards and that enactment of the change occur over a ten (10) year period that indexes both the FMW and the

SSI to the local cost of housing using the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Section 8 Fair Market Rents thus ensuring that a 40 hour a week minimum wage worker is able to afford basic food, clothing, shelter (including utilities), and transportation wherever that work is done throughout the US and that any person found to be disabled by the Federal Social Administration receive a stipend that ensures that they are able to afford basic food, clothing, shelter (utilities included) and transportation. <http://bit.ly/UniversalLivingWage2013>; and

All US institutions such as the US military, or where our Youth are aging out of Foster Care, or people are leaving our jails or prisons, hospitals, mental health institutions etc., should access discharge needs and immediately design plans for the eventual discharge of any user into a safe housing environment rather than discharging them into homelessness.

Note. The Resolution reflects the document: Preventing Homelessness at it's Core with Preface is by Edgar S. Cahn.



Violeta Alvarez, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Aleshire, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Janet Martinez, Interim City Clerk of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Janet Martinez, Interim City Clerk