

RESOLUTION NO. 6213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 850 (CHAPTER 48, STATUTES OF 2018 AND GOVERNMENT § 8698.2).

WHEREAS, homelessness is one of the most pervasive challenges facing cities throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol continues to work with the County of Sonoma, non-profit stakeholders and other regional partners throughout the county to address this ongoing issue; and

WHEREAS, California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018); and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to address homelessness.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, THAT THE City Council of the City of Sebastopol hereby finds:

that based on the 2018 Homeless Point in Time Count, 69 persons within the City of Sebastopol, and an additional 214 persons within the greater Sebastopol and West County area, are homeless and living without shelter; and

that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter; and

that the health and safety of unsheltered persons in Sebastopol is threatened by a lack of shelter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol affirms its commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2 exists in the City of Sebastopol, and authorizes the City's participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol on this 2nd day of October, 2018.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton, Mayor Slayter

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVED: 
Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: 
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney