



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31606

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION endorsing the goals of the Committee to End Homelessness in King County Strategic Plan; and stating the intent of The City of Seattle to work with other organizations and governmental entities in the implementation of this plan.

**Notes:**

**Filed with City Clerk:** 7/29/2015

**Mayor's Signature:** 7/29/2015

**Sponsors:** Okamoto

**Vetoed by Mayor:**

**Veto Overridden:**

**Veto Sustained:**

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** patrick.wigren@seattle.gov

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:	
1	City Clerk	07/14/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office				
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	<b>Notes:</b>							
1	Council President's Office	07/15/2015	sent for review	Full Council				
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council						
	<b>Notes:</b>							
1	Full Council	07/27/2015	referred	Full Council				
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council						
	<b>Notes:</b>							
1	Full Council	07/27/2015	adopted				Pass	
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:						
	<b>Notes:</b>	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31606.						

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

- 1 City Clerk 07/28/2015 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature  
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor  
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 07/29/2015 Signed  
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.  
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- 1 Mayor 07/29/2015 returned City Clerk  
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk  
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- 1 City Clerk 07/29/2015 attested by City Clerk  
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.  
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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION** 31606

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6 A RESOLUTION endorsing the goals of the Committee to End Homelessness in King County  
7 Strategic Plan; and stating the intent of The City of Seattle to work with other  
8 organizations and governmental entities in the implementation of this plan.  
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11 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (City) contributed to the formation of the Committee to End  
12 Homelessness in King County (CEH) and has actively participated in and supported CEH  
13 for more than a decade; and

14 WHEREAS, the City continues to cooperate with King County, United Way of King County,  
15 cities in King County, non-profit and religious organizations, and other partners in the  
16 countywide effort to provide shelter for homeless people and to help them secure  
17 permanent housing; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2013, the CEH Single Adult Shelter Task Force recommended expanding shelter  
19 outside of Seattle to increase safety and help people survive countywide. This  
20 recommendation was made based on data showing that the vast majority of shelter is  
21 located in Seattle, and that people experiencing homelessness are required to leave their  
22 home communities to access shelter; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2015, nearly 85% of all shelter resources are located in Seattle. This totals 3,058  
24 units/beds. Only 15%, or 547 units/beds, are available outside of Seattle; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2014, The City Council appropriated \$175,000 in the 2015 City Budget to  
26 incentivize regional partners to develop new shelter. In early 2015, the City's Human  
27 Services Department and United Way of King County moved quickly to conduct a

1 regional shelter funding process. Through this combined funding effort, totaling  
2 \$325,000 and including \$150,000 from United Way, nine shelters received funding.  
3 Altogether, almost 27,000 bed nights were added to the region's shelter inventory with  
4 these funds; and

5 WHEREAS, the Human Services Department is committed to increasing equity and reducing  
6 racial disparities through efforts directed by its results-oriented strategy; and

7 WHEREAS, the Human Services Department completed a Homeless Investment Analysis  
8 recommending a policy framework and investment plan that aligns with and supports the  
9 CEH Strategic Plan ; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2014, the Human Services Department invested over \$40 million in efforts to  
11 end homelessness, with roughly \$19 million annually allocated to fund shelter  
12 (\$9,009,662), transitional housing (\$7,334,693), and housing stability services  
13 (\$2,319,347); and

14 WHEREAS, the City's Housing Levy, administered by the Office of Housing, provides funding  
15 for the development and operation of permanent housing for homeless families and  
16 individuals, and is aligned with and supports the CEH Strategic Plan; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Office of Housing provided \$13.4 million in capital funding to  
18 develop and preserve homeless housing and \$1.5 million to subsidize homeless housing  
19 operations; and

20 WHEREAS, looking ahead, the City's support for homeless services should be based on  
21 evidence and focused on preventing homelessness and moving people experiencing  
22 homelessness into permanent housing. New investments in services such as diversion,

1 rapid rehousing, engagement with long-term stayers in shelter, housing search services,  
2 and employment navigation will be the City's highest priority; and

3 WHEREAS, it is our community's vision that homelessness is rare in Seattle and King County,  
4 racial disparities are eliminated, and if one becomes homeless, it is brief and only a one-  
5 time occurrence; and

6 WHEREAS, new focus and new efforts are necessary to prevent people from becoming  
7 homeless and to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing; and

8 WHEREAS, while the broader community—including government officials, the United Way of  
9 King County, philanthropies, the faith community, the business community, and non-  
10 profit organizations—continues to work together, this plan is a recommitment to our  
11 vision of ending homelessness, and to the efforts we must take for this vision to become a  
12 reality; NOW, THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
14 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. The City of Seattle (City) endorses the goals of the Committee to End  
16 Homelessness in King County Strategic Plan, July 2015 to July 2019 (CEH Strategic Plan), a  
17 copy of which is attached as Attachment 1, and states the City's intent to work with other  
18 governmental officials, faith and civic groups, communities of color and other groups  
19 disproportionately affected by homelessness, philanthropies, the business community, non-profit  
20 housing and service providers, people who have personally experienced homelessness, and  
21 others around the region to implement this plan over the next four years.

22 Section 2. The City recognizes that the City's homelessness investments should align  
23 with the CEH Strategic Plan, the provisions of the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and

1 Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, and evidence-based best practices.

2 Therefore, the City intends to support funding and programming that align with the CEH

3 Strategic Plan, federal priorities, and community need. It is the City's intent to focus expenditure

4 of new resources on effective prevention and housing services to better align our spending with

5 the federal HEARTH Act and evidence-based best practices.

6 Section 3. The City recognizes that additional resources will be required in order to meet

7 the ambitious goals included in the Plan and that local government resources are not adequate to

8 achieve these goals. Therefore, the City will advocate for increased funding at the federal and


9 state levels to pursue the goals of the CEH Strategic Plan.

10 Section 4. The City's intent as expressed in this resolution is to promote the public

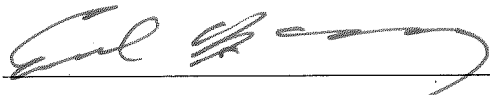
11 health, safety, and welfare, and not to establish any legal rights or obligations, nor to designate

12 any particular class or group of persons to be especially protected or benefited.


1 Adopted by the City Council the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, and  
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
3 of July, 2015.

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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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7 The Mayor concurred the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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10 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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12 Filed by me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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21 Attachment 1: Committee to End Homelessness in King County Strategic Plan, July 2015 to  
22 July 2019