



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

*Ken Stripling*

DATE: May 28, 2019

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION: SENATE BILL 333

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the City Council Legislative Committee recommendation to support Senate Bill 333 (Wilk) and transmit position statements to Senator Wilk, Santa Clarita's state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Newsom, and the League of California Cities.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Senate Bill 1380, Chapter 847, Statutes of 2016, established a statewide Homelessness Coordinating and Financing Council (Homelessness Council) to facilitate a statewide approach to the growing homelessness crisis. The Homelessness Council did not receive any dedicated funding, staff, or any tasks to complete any of its stated mission.

In 2018 the California State Auditor, at the request of Senator Wilk and Assembly Member Lackey, conducted an audit of the state's approach to homelessness and in the report, the Auditor, outlined a number of deficiencies.

Among the Auditor's recommendations was for the Legislature to require the Homelessness Council "to develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in California, including goals and objectives and timelines for achieving them, and metrics for measuring their achievements. Included among the goals and objectives should be the identification of additional funding sources that state and local agencies can use to better address California's homelessness issues." Senate Bill 333 fully implements this recommendation.

Additionally, the Auditor recommended that the Legislature should require the Homelessness Council to implement steps to assist the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care lead agencies in better implementing HUD-recommended activities, including conducting annual counts of the unsheltered homeless population, raising nonfederal funding, and coordinating with other agencies. Senate Bill 333 also fully implements this

recommendation.

The Santa Clarita City Council supported an identical bill, Senate Bill 792 (Wilk), based on the recommendation of the City Council's Legislative Committee during the 2018 Legislative Year.

The City of Santa Clarita 2019 Legislative Platform includes a component consistent with this bill. Component 12 under the "State" section of the Legislative Platform advises that the City Council, "Support legislation, regulatory or administrative efforts that provide additional authority or funding for municipalities to address homeless issues within their communities."

Senate Bill 333 was introduced on February 19, 2019, and unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Human Services (6-0) on March 25, 2019, and the Senate Committee on Housing (11-0) on April 2, 2019. This bill passed the Senate Committee on Appropriations (6-0-0) on May 16, 2019, and ordered to second reading.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on May 6, 2019, and recommends that the City Council adopt a "support" position on Senate Bill 333.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a "neutral" position on Senate Bill 333
2. Adopt an "oppose" position on Senate Bill 333
3. Take no action on Senate Bill 333
4. Refer Senate Bill 333 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Senate Bill 333 Bill Text