

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA ANA SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 569
BY SENATOR CATHERINE BLAKESPEAR, THE
HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT COLLABORATION ACT, TO
STRENGTHEN LOCAL COLLABORATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana submitted a letter of support to the California State Legislature Position Letter Portal for Senate Bill (SB) 569 to reaffirm the City's commitment to the enhancing the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue facing the State of California and the City of Santa Ana, with many individuals residing in encampments on or near state transportation property, which continue to lack proper oversight and response to issues related to these types of concerns and have become a blight on cities across California; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) owns and operates significant land areas within Santa Ana, including rights-of-way along highways and freeways and the Department of Motor Vehicles Santa Ana Office, where encampments often develop and pose serious public health, safety, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans currently faces barriers in coordinating with local governments regarding the response to and management of homeless encampments located on its property in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, SB 569 by Senator Catherine Blakespear — the California Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act — would require Caltrans to designate a dedicated liaison to serve as the primary point of contact for state and local agencies addressing homeless encampments on Caltrans property; and

WHEREAS, SB 569 would authorize Caltrans to enter into delegated maintenance agreements with local governments and provide general entry permits for the duration of those agreements to streamline interagency response efforts; and

WHEREAS, SB 569 does not incorporate funding language, instead includes language in SEC. 3. Section 130.4 Subsection (c) that specifically states that the Legislature shall not be required to provide reimbursement to local governments for services rendered pursuant to delegated maintenance agreements for addressing homeless encampments; and

WHEREAS, SB 569 further requires Caltrans to prepare an annual report summarizing homeless encampment activities and recommendations, promoting transparency, accountability, and long-term strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana supports legislative efforts that enable effective and compassionate management of homelessness while ensuring public safety, health, and local coordination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana thanks Senator Blakespear for continuing to advocate on behalf of local governments and believes that SB 569 will improve cross-jurisdictional collaboration and lead to more effective solutions to address encampments on transportation property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana, that:

Section 1. The City of Santa Ana supports Senate Bill 569 (Blakespear) and urges its swift passage and enactment by the California State Legislature and the Governor.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the Clerk of Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Valerie Amezcua
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: 

AYES: Councilmembers _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

CERTIFICATION OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Jennifer L. Hall, City Clerk, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2025-XXX to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____.

Date: _____

City Clerk
City of Santa Ana