



Louisville Metro Government

Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2016

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SURROUNDING COUNTIES, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND CITIES THROUGHOUT JEFFERSON COUNTY TO JOIN LOUISVILLE METRO IN SUPPORTING THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE HEALING PLACE.

SPONSORED BY: PRESIDENT DAVID YATES, COUNCILWOMAN MARIANNE BUTLER & COUNCILWOMAN ANGELA LEET

WHEREAS, the illegal use of opiates and heroin in our community has led to the increase of property and violent crimes in Louisville Metro and the surrounding counties;

WHEREAS, the Healing Place is a national recognized, long-term social model recovery program available for individuals suffering from substance abuse and addiction;

WHEREAS, the average age of the Healing Place client is 38 and the fastest growing population is 18-25 year olds;

WHEREAS, the Healing Place is the only open access community bed facility available in the greater Louisville Metro area for individuals who need help detoxing from drug abuse and addiction;

WHEREAS, the Healing Place detox beds service mostly Jefferson County residents; however, almost 30% of participants live in the surrounding counties;

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Healing Place detoxed 1,700 unduplicated individuals from Jefferson County and had 600 individuals complete their long-term residential program, which has a sobriety success rate of 75% a year after completion and there is an 88% decrease in incarceration among clients that successfully complete the Healing Place program;

WHEREAS, the Healing Place operates its program on less than \$25 per day, per client, which saves approximately \$75 a day if that person was incarcerated and much more than that if it were an insured bed;

WHEREAS, the Healing Place lacks adequate funding to accommodate the need in our community; as a result, the Healing Place turns away over 300 individuals every month who seek recovery from drug abuse at its facility;

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Council strongly supports the services and successes provided by Healing Place - not only to the patients who become sober and productive adults in our community, but also the significant impact on the community in decreasing crime rate related to drug addiction.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Louisville Metro Council encourages the surrounding counties, community and service organizations and suburban cities throughout Louisville Metro to help fund the Healing Place's capital campaign so it may increase the number of detox beds available in our community for individual seeking recovery from drug addiction and abuse.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

H. _____ David Yates
President of the Council

Fischer Mayor

Greg _____ Approval
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____