

Resolution: Support for Proposition 41 the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014

Whereas, at the 2007 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a resolution was adopted by a vote of 1,023-3 urging “all congregations and other expressions of the ELCA to provide a welcoming and supporting environment for returning military veterans” and,

Whereas, California is home to almost two millions veterans, more veterans than any other state in the nation and,

Whereas, 25% of all homeless veterans in the nation live in California, and

Whereas, over 200,000 California veterans live in poverty and,

Whereas, of the \$1.4 billion in voter approved bonds since 2000 to help veterans buy homes and farms, over \$1 billion in Veteran Housing bonds remain unspent and,

Whereas, Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr. signed the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 authored by Speaker John A. Pérez and,

Whereas, Proposition 41 will help veterans and their families find apartments that they can afford and,

Whereas, Prop 41 will help build transitional housing for veterans who are trying to escape homelessness while also constructing supportive housing for veterans who are dealing with physical injuries, mental health issues, or Post Traumatic Stress stemming from their service and,

Whereas, Proposition 41 is supported by several veterans’ groups, including the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of California, U.S. Vets, Swords to Plowshares, and California Department of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and other organizations such as Housing California, the California State Sheriff's Association, the Urban Counties Caucus, the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administration Association of California, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing, and the Policy Council of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy-California and,

Whereas, Proposition 41 reallocates existing funds, and does not raise taxes on anyone in California and

Whereas, voter approval is not guaranteed, even though this measure passed the Legislature unanimously; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Southwest California Synod of the ELCA urges support of Proposition 41, The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, which reallocates \$600 million in unused bond funds to help provide veterans with an affordable place to live; and be it further

Resolved, that all members, of the Southwest California Synod are encouraged to engage in voter education in their congregations and communities; and that members of the Synod urge everyone register to vote on June 3, 2014 in the primary election.

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Information in this resolution can be confirmed at one of the following:

<http://scanph.org/node/3735>

<http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/CWA2007.pdf>

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