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**RULES & GOVERNMENT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2007 Mayor Villaraigosa and the City Council along with local, State and Federal law enforcement unveiled a comprehensive plan to address gang and gun violence in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Congress passes the so-called "Tiahrt Amendment" annually in various appropriations bills; and

WHEREAS, the "Tiahrt Amendment" is named for its original sponsor, Congressman Todd Tiahrt (R-KS), and is a provision that members of Congress have tacked into federal spending bills restricting cities and police from accessing and using ATF gun trace data from guns recovered in crimes; and

WHEREAS, gun trace data helps police determine where illegal guns are coming from, who buys them, and how they get trafficked into their communities. Specifically, the Tiahrt Amendment restricts access to aggregate crime data, data from other cities and states, gun trace data regarding gun dealers, and national ATF reports; and

WHEREAS, restricted information, as a result of this annual amendment, includes information that would aid local law enforcement in understanding and addressing citywide and regional gun crime trends and prohibits access to gun trace data which greatly undermines regional efforts to control gun crime; and

WHEREAS, this restricted access also includes information used as evidence in any state or local civil action such as gun dealer license revocations and prevents the publishing of reports that would aid in the analysis of nationwide gun trafficking patterns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2008-2009 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of or SPONSORSHIP for Federal legislation that would repeal the so called "Tiahrt Amendment" and/or repeal any restrictions on the sharing of local, regional and national crime statistics.

PRESENTED BY: 
ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

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