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September 17, 2009

To All Interested Parties:

Chief Legislative Analyst

I HEREBY CERTIFY that City Council adopted the action(s), as attached,
under Council file No. 09-0002-S151, at its meeting held September 4, 2009.

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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 09-0002-S151

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

RE: CITY'S POSITION ON SJR 14 (LENO) WHICH CALLS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO END RAIDS ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA WHERE VOTERS HAVE APPROVED ITS USE

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LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT _____
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]


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*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

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VERBAL MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation of the Chief Legislative Analyst (Item No. 8, CF 09-0002-S151) relative to the City's position on SJR 14 (Leno) which calls on the federal government to end raids on medical marijuana where voters have approved its use, **SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:**

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SJR 14 (Leno) which calls on the federal government to end raids on medical marijuana in states such as California where voters have approved its use and URGE the U.S. Congress to develop a comprehensive federal medical marijuana policy that ensures safe and legal access for any eligible patient that would benefit from this treatment.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules and Government Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

PRESENTED BY _____
JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY _____
DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilmember, 3rd District

September 4, 2009

CF 09-0002-S151

ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RULES & GOVERNMENT

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 governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 14, introduced in June by State Senator Mark Leno, comes at a time when the Obama administration has signaled a willingness to change federal policy as it pertains to dealing with California's medical marijuana law; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder pledged in March of this year to end the practice during the Bush administration of conducting raids of distributors of medical marijuana, but there have been several Drug Enforcement Administration raids since this announcement; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of medical marijuana dispensaries should be left to State and local government officials and based on facilities' compliance with their compliance with medical marijuana laws, not federal drug laws, which provide no option for medicinal use; and

WHEREAS, SJR 14 urges the federal government to end medical marijuana raids in California and calls on Congress to create a comprehensive federal policy addressing the issue of medical marijuana that ensures safe and legal access for any deserving patient that could benefit; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles already has an ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries in place and the City is nearing completion of its own permanent ordinance, which will ensure that there is a baseline of expectations for the running of these facilities; and

WHEREAS, SJR 14 also calls on the federal government to end their Puritanical and illogical ban on testing of the possible medical benefits of marijuana and instead encourage advanced clinical research trials into the feasibility of the therapeutic use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, there are now 13 states that have authorized the use of medical marijuana and it is time to bring federal drug use policy in line with the will of the people, which is to carve out an exemption for marijuana use when it is recommended by a physician for sick patients.

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 2009-2010 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SJR 14 (Leno), which calls on the federal government to end raids on medical marijuana in states such as California where voters have approved its use and urges the U.S. Congress to develop a comprehensive federal medical marijuana policy that ensures safe and legal access for any eligible patient that would benefit from this treatment.

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Councilmember, 14th District

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DENNIS ZINE
Councilmember, 3rd District

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