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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 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, SB 594 (Hill), a bill with broad language that vastly limits the ability of any nonprofit organization that receives any public funding from a local government from participating in state and local ballot campaigns, has recently appeared in the California legislature; and

WHEREAS, this bill would apply to any non-profit organization, its officers or employees or representatives, working in California; and


WHEREAS, SB 594 would inhibit the ability of nonprofit associations from actively supporting or opposing state and local ballot measures or contributing private, non-public funds to such measures – even when these measures have a direct impact on their members and the residents they're entrusted to represent; and


WHEREAS, organizations such as the California State Sheriffs' Association, the California Fire Chiefs Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the California School Boards Association, Community College League of California, California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, Association of California School Administrators, local chambers of commerce and thousands of others would be prohibited from commenting on significant public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, SB 594 was gutted and amended on Aug. 7, which not only disrespects the legislative process and precludes members and the public from fully digesting its far-reaching implications, but it also directly contradicts the proponents' main argument that the bill is intended to increase transparency in the political process; and

WHEREAS, California already has strong laws on the books that prohibit the use of public funds in political campaigns, and the FPPC has jurisdiction to ensure compliance.

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 2013-2014 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 594 which would limit the ability of any nonprofit organization that receives any public funding from a local government from participating in state and local ballot campaigns.

PRESENTED BY: 
HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: 


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