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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, Five years ago, a commission of prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges and others presented reported that one of the biggest problems in the criminal justice system was number of false confessions – assertions by people under interrogation that they had committed crimes when in fact they had not – that are made; and

WHEREAS, a solution used by several jurisdiction is to make video recordings of confessions, which can be examined later for clues that confessions were a result of police or prosecutorial badgering, or that suspects were psychologically unfit or in a condition that made their statements unreliable; and

WHEREAS, SB 569 (Lieu) is a narrowly tailored bill that would require video recording of custodial interviews with minors, whose rate of false confessions is higher than that of adult suspects; and

WHEREAS, the minimal costs of approximately \$1 million associated with implementing such a requirement should not deter the implementation of such a program, which would hold false convictions to a minimum and reduce demands on the courts .

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 SUPPORT for SB 569 which would require the electronic recordation of the entire custodial interrogation of a minor who is in a fixed place of detention, as defined, and who, at the time of the interrogation, is suspected of committing or accused of committing a specified offense.

PRESENTED BY:



Bernard C. Parks

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SECONDED BY:



Ed Rumsfeld

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