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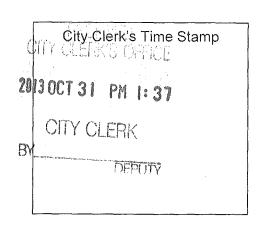
To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. <u>13-0002-</u> <u>S129</u>, at its meeting held <u>October 30, 2013</u>.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S129	COUNCIL DISTRICT
COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE OCTOSER 30, 2013	
RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT OR SPONSOR LEG FOR HIT-AND-RUN OFFENSES	GISLATION TO STRENGTHEN PENALTIES
LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT	
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DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 14/6/13 MAYOR	*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

File No. 13-0002-S129



RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support or sponsor legislation to strengthen penalties for hit-and-run offenses.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Buscaino - Englander), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for or SPONSORSHIP of legislation which would limit the use of civil compromise, extend the statute of limitations in incidents where a hit-and-run causes a fatal or severe injury, and increase the penalties for individuals who commit a hit-and-run, including the possible hold or forfeiture of vehicles involved in hit-and-runs and automatic license penalties.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of October 18, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Buscaino - Englander) relative to the the City's position to support or sponsor legislation to strengthen penalties for hit-and-run offenses. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MEMBER

VOTE

WESSON:

YES

HUIZAR:

ABSENT

LABONGE:

YES

ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-



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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, hit-and-run collisions are a significant issue in the City of Los Angeles, resulting in the serious injury or death of scores of pedestrians and cyclists each year; and

WHEREAS, under current law, penalties for hit-and-run incidents are not significant enough to act as an effective deterrent against fleeing the scene after a collision; and

WHEREAS, hit-and-run investigations are impeded by the current statute of limitations, which limits prosecution to three years from the date of the incident; and

WHEREAS, the overuse of the civil compromise has proven problematic in efforts to convict individuals for hit-and-runs, as almost half of hit-and-run collisions are settled through the use of civil compromise against the wishes of prosecutors; and

WHEREAS, to address these issues, the City of Los Angeles should support or sponsor legislation that would limit the use of civil compromise, extend the statute of limitations, and increase penalties for individuals who commit a hit-and-run; and

WHEREAS, legislation addressing hit-and-run collisions should also include severe penalties for those who flee the scene of a traffic collision, including the possible hold or forfeiture of their vehicle and automatic license consequences; and

WHEREAS, increased penalties for those that commit hit-and-runs is the best way to combat this problem, and would increase public safety;

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 or SPONSORSHIP of legislation which would limit the use of civil compromise, extend the statute of limitations in incidents where a hit-and-run causes a fatal or severe injury, and increase the penalties for individuals who commit a hit-and-run, including the possible hold or forfeiture of vehicles involved in hit-and-runs and automatic license penalties.

PRESENTED BY

Councilmember, 15th District

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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