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February 18, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

Chief Legislative Analyst

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under
Council File No. 13-0002-S134, at its meeting held February 12, 2014.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S134

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE FEBRUARY 12, 2014

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT HR 2692, THE SAVING AMERICA'S POLLINATORS ACT OF 2013

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT FEB 24 2014
[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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File No. 13-0002-S134

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support HR 2692, the Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2013.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz - Bonin - O'Farrell), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of HR 2692, the Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2013, which would direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take certain actions related to pesticides in efforts to preserve the health of bee populations that serve as America's pollinators.

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

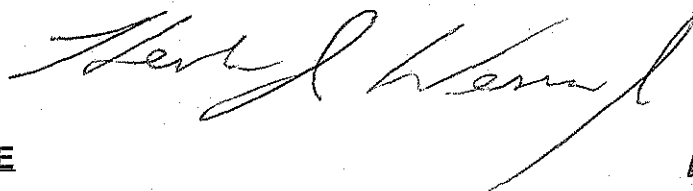
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its special meeting of December 6, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Koretz - Bonin - O'Farrell) relative to the City's position to support HR 2692, the Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2013. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information. After consideration and having provided 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

FEB 12 2014

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

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MAYOR WITH FILE

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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, in just the past few years, "colony collapse disorder" (CCD) has been plaguing bees across the country, leading to massive population die-offs. Between the end of 2012 and the end of 2013, U.S. beekeepers lost an average of 45 percent of their colonies, which threatens not only their livelihoods, but the very existence of one of the world's most vital pollinators and, by extension, the long-term security of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination services are a huge component of U.S. agriculture worth \$20-30 billion annually. Bees, in particular, are absolutely necessary for the production of a third of the food produced in North America, including almonds, avocados, cranberries, apples and much more. Bee-pollinated crops provide nearly all of our dietary Vitamin A, Vitamin E and over half of the calcium and fluoride we consume. Additionally, about one-third of iron in our diets is provided by bee-pollinated crops, including fruits and nuts; and

WHEREAS, California's biggest agricultural export, its \$4 billion almond industry, depends on pollinators for the success of the crop which makes up 84 percent of global almond production. Without California's almonds, there would be a tremendous shortage of almonds worldwide; and

WHEREAS, scientists have linked the symptoms of CCD with the abundant use of pesticides, specifically the neonicotinoid class. Exposure to these systemic insecticides over time can lead to sublethal effects like impaired foraging and feeding, weakened immunity to diseases and pests and stunted development; and

WHEREAS, the European Union has enacted a ban on the major neonicotinoids in an effort to protect pollinators. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) concluded that neonicotinoids posed a "high acute risk" to pollinators and that more research must be conducted to explore precisely how these chemicals are connected to loss of bee colonies; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative John Conyers, Jr's "Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2013" (H.R. 2692) would require the EPA to suspend the use of four of the pesticides belonging to the neonicotinoids class (imidacloprid, clothianidin, thiamethoxam, dinotafuran) until their safety can be determined. The bill would also charge the EPA with monitoring bee health and preparing an annual report on the status of bees in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP/SUPPORT for the "Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2013" (H.R. 2692) in order to protect the health of America's pollinators and, by extension, our food supply.

PRESENTED BY

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