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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any position of the City 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, as part of the current federal surface transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the United States Department of Transportation is required to set a performance measure to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, states across the nation measure reductions in overall fatalities and serious injuries, however, they are not required to differentiate vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian collisions; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicates that bicyclists and pedestrians now represent 16.3 percent of all traffic deaths, yet states spend just 0.4 percent of their safety dollars on bicycle and pedestrian safety; and

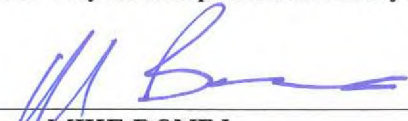
WHEREAS, the 2010 Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), the most recent year available data, indicates that bicyclists and pedestrians represent 44% of all traffic deaths recorded in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2013, a coalition of bipartisan lawmakers in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate introduced H.R. 3494 and S. 1708, respectively, "The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act" that would amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of non-motorized performance measures; and

WHEREAS, with a separate bicycle and pedestrian safety performance measure, states will be required to examine their bicycle and pedestrian deaths separate from automobile deaths, which will highlight the need for more funding to be allocated toward bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements;

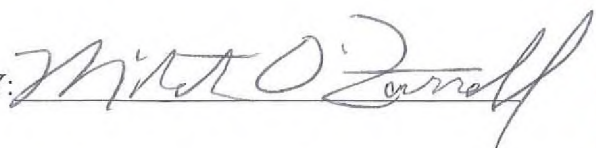
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of S. 1708 and H.R. 3494 that would amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of non-motorized performance measures tied to bicycle and pedestrian safety.

PRESENTED BY:



MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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