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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 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, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is a vital component of the country's economic and communications infrastructure handling and delivering approximately 160 billion pieces of mail and generating more than \$65 billion in annual revenues while receiving no taxpayer funding; and

WHEREAS, the mailing industry, which employs approximately eight million Americans, generates over \$1 trillion dollars annually, and represents approximately seven percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), depends on the USPS's invaluable mail processing, retail and last-mile delivery networks six days a week; and

WHEREAS, the USPS is the second largest employer in the country of United States Veterans comprising over 22% of its employee workforce; and

WHEREAS, rural communities, many of which do not have access to the Internet, remain dependent on the USPS for vital communications and for the shipment of goods; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and individual citizens, particularly seniors, depend on the USPS for receipt of their prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein are urged to support postal reform legislation that strengthens and protects postal service in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for postal reform legislation that would: 1) secure the continuance of mail delivery services six days a week; 2) stabilize the finances of the USPS; 3) strengthen and protect the USPS's invaluable mail processing, retail and last-mile delivery networks that together comprise a crucial part of the nation's infrastructure; and 4) retain door-to-door delivery for 30 million plus households and businesses.

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Kretz

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SECONDED BY:

Gilbert Cedillo

  
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