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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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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, the Cal Fresh Program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), provides food stamp benefits to individuals and families with income no more than 130 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, this equates to a single person with an income less than \$14,941 or a family of four earning less than \$30,625; and

WHEREAS, approximately 550,000 households in Los Angeles County receive Cal Fresh benefits, assisting thousands of Los Angeles residents with putting food on the table; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2642, the House of Representatives version of the Farm Bill, cuts nearly \$40 billion in SNAP aid over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, according to the White House, the House bill would remove 3.8 million people from the program, simultaneously denying free school lunches to 210,000 needy students every year; and

WHEREAS, the Senate version of the Farm Bill, S. 954, additionally cuts the program by \$4.1 billion over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would have devastating effects on families in Los Angeles, who could lose hundreds of dollars in benefits each year; and,


WHEREAS, veterans and foster youth would have no protections from the SNAP cuts proposed in either the House or Senate Farm Bills; and,

WHEREAS, the SNAP/Cal Fresh Program mitigates the impact poverty and poor health has on our most vulnerable residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles must stand opposed to these devastating cuts;

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 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to H.R. 2642 and S. 954, which significantly cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

PRESENTED BY:



FELIPE FUENTES
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



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