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March 19, 2013

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-S17, at its meeting held March 5, 2013.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S17

COUNCIL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MARCH 5, 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT S.123/H.R.12, THE VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT AND S.85,  
THE FAIR ACCURATE SECURE AND TIMELY ACT

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAR 18 2013  
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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APPROVED  
  
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\*Transmit objections in writing  
pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** Committee

reports as follows:

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support S.123/H.R.12, the Voter Empowerment Act and S.85, the Fair Accurate Secure and Timely (FAST) Act.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz – Garcetti), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT of S.123/H.R.12, the Voter Empowerment Act, and SUPPORT of S.85, the FAST Act to ensure that citizens can freely exercise their most fundamental right of voting.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes.  
For Proposal: Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At its special meeting of February 22, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Koretz – Garcetti) relative to the City's position to support S.123/H.R.12, the Voter Empowerment Act, and S.85, the FAST Act to ensure that citizens can freely exercise their most fundamental right of voting. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

After Committee consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES

**ADOPTED**

MAR 05 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION **JAN 25 2013**

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, the hallmark of this nation's democracy is the ability for its citizens to vote for its representatives and to take part in elections by freely going to their polling places to cast their votes without any undue obstacles; and

WHEREAS, there have been many reports in different parts of the country of voters being discouraged or prohibited from voting in the most recent presidential election, including requiring that voters wait up to six or seven hours in line before they were able to cast their votes; and

WHEREAS, as President Obama stated in his Second Inaugural Address, "Our journey is not complete until no citizen is forced to wait for hours to exercise the right to vote;" and

WHEREAS, numerous members of the United States House and Senate, including Representative John Lewis and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, have reintroduced the Voter Empowerment Act, S. 123/HR 12, which, among other provisions, requires government agencies to automatically register consenting adults, allows citizens to register to vote and update their voter information on line, guarantees sufficient days of early voting and bans deceptive advertisements aimed at suppressing voter turn out; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chris Coons has introduced the Fair Accurate Secure and Timely (FAST) Act, S. 85, which provides financial support to states to conduct elections more efficiently and more fairly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that with the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of S. 123/HR 12, the Voter Empowerment Act, AND SUPPORT of the S. 85, the Fair Accurate Secure and Timely (FAST) Act to ensure that citizens can freely exercise their most fundamental right of voting.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Kretz  
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: E.G.

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**JAN 25 2013**

**ADOPTED**

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