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ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION

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, many parolees are required to wear an ankle-mounted monitoring bracelet as a condition of their parole; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of individuals ordered to wear an ankle-mounted monitoring bracelet are on parole after being convicted of a sex offense; and

WHEREAS, these devices are essential tools for law enforcement to monitor parolees, in order to maintain public safety and to ensure that individuals on parole do not offend again; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of parolees required to wear an ankle-mounted monitoring bracelet have been removing these devices, making it difficult for law enforcement and parole officers to track these offenders; and

WHEREAS, removal of an ankle-mounted monitoring bracelet is currently considered a parole violation and not a felony, and punishment for this act may not result in jail time in every case; and

WHEREAS, SB 57 (Lieu) would make the unauthorized removal of an ankle-mounted monitoring bracelet a felony, in order to increase the penalties for the removal of a monitoring device and to deter individuals on parole from making the decision to remove a monitoring device in the first place;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 57, which would make the unauthorized removal of a parolee's ankle-mounted monitoring bracelet a felony.

PRESENTED BY MITCHELL ENGLANDER Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY