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this matter, please refer to the  
Council File No.

May 16, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted to RECEIVE AND FILE the action(s), as attached, under  
Council File No. 13-0002-S38, at its meeting held May 13, 2014.



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RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position to oppose H.R. 784 (Lee).

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION, Resolution (Parks - Perry), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to H.R. 784, which would amend the controlled substances act so as to exempt real property from civil forfeiture due to medical-marijuana related conduct that is authorized by state law.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of August 16, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a Resolution and Chief Legislative Analyst report relative to establishing the City's position to oppose H.R. 784, which would amend the controlled substances act so as to exempt real property from civil forfeiture due to medical-marijuana related conduct that is authorized by state law. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to submit to Council without recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



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

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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, while California has legalized marijuana for medical use, storefronts used for the sale of medical marijuana often serve as a front for the illegal sale of drugs throughout Los Angeles and are a threat to the community; and

WHEREAS, the federal Controlled Substances Act provides for civil forfeiture of real property seized in connection with illegal drug activity; and

WHEREAS, the federal government does not recognize the medical use of marijuana, and thus real property used in medical marijuana related activities is subject to civil forfeiture; and

WHEREAS, HR 784 (Lee) would amend The Controlled Substances Act to exempt real property from civil forfeiture due to medical marijuana related conduct authorized under state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should oppose HR 784, as civil forfeiture of real property is a valuable tool in combating the illegal sale of marijuana that occurs at medical marijuana storefronts;

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 HR 784, which would amend the controlled substances act so as to exempt real property from civil forfeiture due to medical-marijuana related conduct that is authorized by state law.

PRESENTED BY Bernard C. Parks  
BERNARD C. PARKS  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

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