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RESOLUTION

MAY 10 2013

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 Department of Aging relies on various sources, including federal grants such as Older Americans Act (OAA) funds to provide the City's senior population with services to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the OAA, enacted in 1965, provides community services and is considered to be the main provider of social and nutrition services for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the City normally receives approximately \$14 million annually in OAA funds for use by the Department of Aging and/or community organizations that contract with the department to provide meals, job training assistance and social activities for the City's elderly population; and

WHEREAS, the federal sequestration reductions have been implemented in such an indiscriminate manner that funding for vital senior and family caregiver programs is being cut, and the City of Los Angeles is facing a combined FY2012-13 and FY2013-14 funding reduction of \$1,579,714 in both Federal and State matching funds; and

WHEREAS, for FY2013-14, the implementation of this sequestration will result in a funding reduction to the City of \$1,275,183, of which \$1,081,948 will be cut from the City's senior meals programs, directly affecting the City's ability to provide: (1) home delivered meals to a total of approximately 5,643 frail, homebound seniors; and (2) hot meals to a total of approximately 17,577 seniors that are able to attend City dining centers; and

WHEREAS, this \$1,081,948 cut for FY2013-14 City senior meals results in the elimination of 111,250 home delivered meals for 985 vulnerable seniors, who will be moved to waiting lists, and 88,090 congregate meals for another 2,381 seniors who will be turned away at City dining centers; and

WHEREAS, for many of these seniors, the OAA program provides the only hot meal for the day, human interaction and a daily safety check to keep these seniors active, healthy, and cared-for;

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 SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation and/or any administrative action that would reinstate Older Americans Act funding that has been reduced as a result of sequestration.

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Koretz

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Councilmember, 5th District

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