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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 been adopted in form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, CBS Los Angeles found that intersections with automated traffic enforcement tend to increase the number of accidents rather than decrease them; and

WHEREAS, studies presented by Safer Streets LA has showed that adding one second to yellow light signal times provides motorists with adequate time to either stop before reaching the intersection or allows them to pass completely through the intersection before the light turns red; and

WHEREAS, a study performed by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTi) showed that when yellow light interval durations were extended by one second, there was a 40% reduction in intersection accidents; and

WHEREAS, other states, such as Ohio, Georgia, and New Jersey, have enacted laws mandating longer yellow light signal intervals which have resulted in a significant reduction in red light violations and associated intersections accidents; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently shown that increasing the yellow light interval improves safety by decreasing the potential of traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian introduced AB 612, which would require that yellow light signal intervals be lengthened by one second at intersections with automated traffic enforcement systems in 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 for AB 612, which requires that yellow light intervals be extended by one second, at intersections equipped with automated enforcement systems.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: __

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