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 electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) devices contain many chemicals, along with nicotine, including volatile organic compounds, such as benzene and toulene; heavy metals, such as nickel and arsenic; tobacco specific carcinogens; and carbon compounds such as formaldehyde and acrolein; and

WHEREAS, The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is calling on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to regulate e-cigarettes to protect public health, including through further research on the contents, and through the setting of standards on said content, of e-cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Court of Appeals has determined that e-cigarettes can be regulated by the FDA as a tobacco product, and the FDA is undertaking a process of public review while considering such a potential assertion of authority; and

WHEREAS, a municipality, county or state may take some actions and assert some authority, but the federal government and specifically the FDA is the appropriate jurisdiction for many matters pertaining to e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices:

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 a call for action urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to assert authority over the ingredients in e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices, and support for any federal legislation or action which would encourage and enable such an assertion of authority by the FDA.

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