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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking, is a method of extracting petroleum and gas used for energy from rock layers and shale, and may pose public health risks and lead to property damage, contaminated air and groundwater, and increased seismicity; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industries have been granted exemptions from several environmental and public health laws and regulations to allow them to engage in fracking, and current fracking operations in and around the communities of Baldwin Hills, Inglewood, and Culver City may be seriously endangering the health and wellbeing of nearby residents through the risks associated with fracking; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the health and welfare of all Los Angeles residents are protected, and until a full and proper independent scientific study on fracking with risk mitigation strategies and public health and environmental protection requirements is complete, Los Angeles residents should not be subject to the increased risks that come with fracking operations in and around their communities; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2013, the City adopted a Resolution (CF: 13-0002-S108) establishing the City's position of conditional support of California State Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) if amended to ensure public disclosure of chemicals used in fracking, information about the potential seismic impacts of fracking, utilization of best water conservation management practices at fracking sites, full access to health impact fracking data, and public input opportunities during fracking permitting processes; and

WHEREAS, SB 4 imposes numerous regulations relative to hydraulic fracking including but not limited to a permit requirement, drilling notification, and regular monitoring of water and air quality was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 20, 2013, without the entire set of amendments requested by the City which would have further enhanced public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the Bureau of Sanitation, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst, to submit comments to the Department of Conservation consistent with the City's position on hydraulic fracking.

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