

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, under current law, the cultivation of hemp is prohibited in California; and

WHEREAS, current law does not differentiate between cultivation of marijuana and hemp, even though both plants are significantly different; and

WHEREAS, unlike the marijuana variant of the plant Cannabis sativa L., the hemp variety has little or no Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content, and no psychoactive properties; and

WHEREAS, hemp is also visually distinct from marijuana and it is planted and maintained in a different manner than the narcotic plant; and

WHEREAS, hemp is currently used in a variety of products, including health and beauty products, industrial plastic composites, bedding and construction materials, and oils and paints among others; and


WHEREAS, SB 566 (Leno) would allow for the cultivation of hemp in California, upon federal approval, by amending the definition of marijuana to exclude hemp; and

WHEREAS, SB 566 creates a strong regulatory structure, including the testing of THC content in hemp crops before their harvest; and

WHEREAS, SB 566 would enable California farmers to take advantage of the increasing demand for hemp and hemp products;

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 SB 566, which would permit hemp to be grown in California, upon federal approval, by excluding "industrial hemp" from the definition of "marijuana" and define industrial hemp as a non-psychoactive type of the plant Cannabis sativa L. that has no more than 0.3% of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in the dried flowering tops.

PRESENTED BY


HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY

