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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any position of the City 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 number of hit-and-run accidents are increasing in the City and the current penalties are not commensurate with the severity of these incidents; and

WHEREAS, existing law penalizes a driver involved in a hit-and-run accident either through probation and/or a fine, although law does allow for up to a six month stay in jail, but this is rarely enforced; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014, Assemblymember Gatto introduced AB 1532 mandating that any driver who commits a hit-and-run offense, even if the victim is not seriously injured, forfeit their driver's license for six months; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Gatto's legislation is his second effort to criminalize hit-and-run crashes following last year's AB 184 that extended the statute of limitations for hit and run drivers, which the City supported in an effort to help curb the epidemic of hit-and-run offenses in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, driving a vehicle is a serious responsibility and it is imperative that drivers remain at the scene of a crash or face the serious consequence of losing their license;

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 2013-14 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 1532 (Gatto) that would mandate that any driver who commits a hit-and-run offense must forfeit their driver's license for six months.

PRESENTED BY: 
MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY: 

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