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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 to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district maintaining secondary schools to establish and maintain classes for adults; and

WHEREAS, SB 173 (Liu) proposes to cut all funding for older adult education in public schools and community colleges throughout the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the Community College League of California states that SB 173 would decrease access for adult learners in California by reducing the number of courses that receive state funding, which would result in essential courses becoming inaccessible to the community; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs offer adults a second chance, and many recent immigrants a first chance to a quality education; and

WHEREAS, adult education courses in low-income areas help adults learn critical life skills.

WHEREAS, this is a betrayal to the senior citizens who fought to save adult education in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and to pass AB 189 which expanded funding to education; and

WHEREAS, SB 173 provides that adult classes could be paid by student fees (requiring senior citizens to pay \$500.00 to \$600.00 per class) and/or with uncertain alternative funding sources; and

WHEREAS, SB 173 is opposed by a statewide coalition of teachers, parents, students and organizations, including: AARP, Congress of California Seniors, Partners In Care Foundation, Lucille Beserra and Edward R. Roybal Foundation, California Teachers Association (CTA), California Federation of Teachers (CFT), and United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA);

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 OPPOSITION of SB 173 (Liu), which proposes to cut all funding for older education in public schools and community colleges throughout the state of California.

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