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RESOLUTION
RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
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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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, for nearly a century, Los Angeles has been the center of the film industry, home to studios, post-production facilities, a myriad of outdoor locations and the most talented and well-trained creative and technical workers in the field; and

WHEREAS, film production in Los Angeles peaked in 1996, then began a precipitous drop when Canada and then many other countries and 44 states created film and television production incentives to draw film and television production activity away from California; and

WHEREAS, according to data from FilmWorks, only 8% of the top live-action movies in 2013 were filmed in Los Angeles, down from 68% in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, an increased number of television productions have also been able to take advantage of these incentives, resulting in a loss of television pilots and one-hour TV Drama series to other states, notably New York, so that only 8% of new one-hour dramas in 2012 were filmed in Los Angeles, down from 79% in previous years; and

WHEREAS, since the State legislature passed legislation to establish the California film tax credit program, film production has actually increased in the State, reversing four years of decline, and is estimated to have saved or created as many as 51,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, although helpful, the current State tax credit is not adequate to ensure that California competes for film and television production and more must be done to retain and attract new entertainment industry jobs to the region, nor does it provide long-term certainty to the entertainment industry that California is serious about retaining this industry; and

WHEREAS, AB 1839 (Gatto) would significantly expand the State's tax credit program to include incentives that would encourage more film and television productions to remain in California.

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 AB 1839 (Gatto) which allows television productions and more film productions to participate in the California State Film Tax Credit program and extends the program through the 2021 fiscal year.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz
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Councilmember, 5th District

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