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RESOLUTION

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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 requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 through 12, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including social science; and

WHEREAS, existing law establishes the Instructional Quality Commission and requires the commission to, among other things, recommend curriculum frameworks to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, AB 1750 (Alejo) would require the commission to identify model programs, standards, and curricula relating to ethnic studies at the high school level; and

WHEREAS, AB 1750 would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2016, to prepare and submit a report that identifies the best practices and standards for establishing and implementing ethnic studies in public high schools, to the Governor and the Legislature, and to make the report available on the State Department of Education's Internet Web site; and


WHEREAS, AB 1750 would also provide \$125,000 to the State Department of Education for purposes of funding the report; and

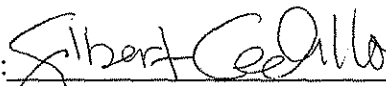
WHEREAS, California has one of the largest and most diverse student population in the country; and

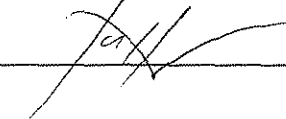
WHEREAS, as a result of the diverse demographics of our state, public schools should have the opportunity to improve human relations and enhance socio-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, AB 1750 provides the best way for our students to appreciate the history, culture and contributions of African-American, Asian American, American Indian and Chicano/Latino populations of our State;

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 1750 (Alejo), which would require the Instructional Quality Commission to establish a task force to identify and report on appropriate curricula for establishing and implementing ethnic studies in public high schools statewide.


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PRESENTED BY: 
GIL CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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