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Council File No.

May 29, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

**Chief Legislative Analyst**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under  
Council File No. 14-0002-S31, at its meeting held May 28, 2014.

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**FORTHWITH**

SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-0002-S31

COUNCIL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE May 28, 2014

RE: ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT SB 1381 (EVANS), WHICH WOULD REQUIRE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD TO BE LABELED AS SUCH

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT JUN 09 2014  
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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APPROVED  
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\*DISAPPROVED  
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\*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 5/28/14

E. G. [Signature]  
MAYOR

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RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position to support SB 1381 (Evans), which would require genetically engineered food to be labeled as such.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 1381 (Evans), which would require genetically engineered food to be labeled as such.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of May 16, 2014, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell) relative to establishing the City's position to support SB 1381 (Evans), which would require genetically engineered food to be labeled as such. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information. During the Committee discussion, a CLA representative clarified that the CLA recommendation was to adopt the attached Resolution introduced by Councilmember Koretz and seconded by Councilmember O'Farrell. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell). This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**MEMBER VOTE**

WESSON: YES

HUIZAR: ABSENT

LABONGE: YES

**ADOPTED**

**MAY 28 2014**

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH**

14-0002-531

MAR 21 2014

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, California Proposition 37, "Mandatory Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food," a proposed state statute initiated to provide consumer protections from the hazards associated with the consumption of genetically engineered (GE) foods, primarily by increasing transparency in the production, distribution, and ultimately, consumption of GE foods, in the effort of protecting consumers with was defeated on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 37 would have required labeling of raw and processed food containing any measureable levels of GE ingredients, prohibited the labeling and advertising of such foods as "natural," exempted from this requirement foods that classified as "certified organic" that were found to have been unknowingly produced with GE ingredients as well as foods processed containing sufficiently small or negligible quantities of GE ingredients; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate is a bill, SB 1381, introduced by California State Senator Noreen Evans on February 21, 2014, which is widely believed to be a cleaner, more simple, and more appropriate mechanism for providing consumer protections and increasing transparency surrounding the GE foods; and

WHEREAS, SB 1381 would require genetically engineered food to be labeled as "genetically engineered" or "GE", require partially genetically modified foods, namely foods not comprised entirely of genetically modified ingredients, to be labeled as "Produced with Genetic Engineering" or "Partially Produced with Genetic Engineering," and indemnify producers of any legal liability for failure to label packaged foods with genetically modified ingredients comprising less than one percent of total;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program support of SB 1381, which would require genetically engineered food to be labeled as such, as further detailed in the text of this Resolution.

  
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PRESENTED BY   
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

ADOPTED  RECONDED BY

MAY 28 2014

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