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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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