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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 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, serious and fatal hit and run collisions are a serious problem in the City of Los Angeles as well as other urban areas in California; and

WHEREAS, these cases are difficult for law enforcement to solve, as there is often limited or no evidence and no witnesses; and

WHEREAS, currently, information related to hit and run collisions is not immediately released to the public; and

WHEREAS, Colorado recently enacted legislation establishing "Medina Alerts," which are emergency alerts similar to an Amber Alert but issued for severe or fatal hit and run collisions when a description of a vehicle is available; and

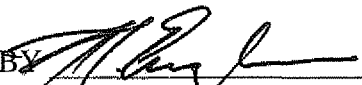
WHEREAS, when a Medina Alert is issued, information related to the incident is quickly broadcast to the public via highway signs and media reports; and


WHEREAS, Medina Alerts were originally instituted in Denver, where 17 alerts have been issued, resulting in 13 cases being solved; and

WHEREAS, a Medina Alert system would be incredibly beneficial in California, a state with the largest population in the United States and a significant number of serious and fatal hit and run collisions each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has been a leader in attempting to address incidences of hit and run collisions;

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 to SUPPORT and/or SPONSOR legislation to create a Medina Alert System for California that would issue alerts when a severe or fatal hit and run collision occurs and a vehicle description is available, similar to the system recently approved for Colorado.

PRESENTED BY 
MITCHEL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY 


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