

## 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, current law does not require BB guns to adhere to the same rules and regulations on appearance as do imitation and toy firearms; and

WHEREAS, as a result, BB guns are difficult to distinguish from actual firearms, which creates dangerous situations where BB guns are mistaken for real firearms by law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, tragedies involving BB guns have occurred in the past, with a recent incident resulting in the tragic shooting by law enforcement officers of a teenager in Santa Rosa who was carrying a BB gun that looked like an assault rifle; and

WHEREAS, in a similar incident that occurred in December 2010, a thirteen year-old boy was shot and paralyzed by a Los Angeles Police officer who mistook the BB gun the boy was carrying for a real firearm; and

WHEREAS, SB 199 (De León), seeks to address this issue by including BB guns in the State of California's definition of imitation firearms, and subject them to the same rules that govern imitation firearms and toy guns; and

WHEREAS, SB 199 would also require that BB guns be painted in bright colors to make them easier to distinguish from real firearms; and

WHEREAS, the City has consistently supported efforts to regulate the appearance of BB guns in the past;

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 of SB 199 (De León), which would require that BB guns adhere to the same rules and regulations that govern imitation firearms and toy guns, and require them to be brightly colored, on the condition that talks with Airsoft industry officials who are willing to compromise and have had productive meetings in Sacramento with the author and other legislators continue, and that the legislature develops solutions that will benefit public safety in our communities without adversely affecting Los Angeles area businesses.