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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 government 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, hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking, is a method of extracting petroleum and gas used for energy from rock layers and shale, and may pose public health risks and lead to property damage, contaminated air and groundwater, increased greenhouse gas emissions and increased seismicity; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, numerous companies across the oil and gas industries have been granted exemptions from several environmental and public health laws and regulations to allow them to engage in fracking, and current fracking operations in and around the communities within and surrounding the City of Los Angeles may be seriously endangering the health and wellbeing of nearby residents through the risks associated with fracking; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate is a bill, SB 1132 (Mitchell), which would impose a moratorium on fracking and acidization in order to protect California's air and water from pollution caused by this dangerous form of oil and gas extraction; and


WHEREAS, Councilmember Bernard Parks has previously introduced a resolution (CF #13-0002-S79) supporting Senator Mitchell's 2013 bill, AB-1323, calling for a statewide moratorium on fracking; and

WHEREAS, until a detailed and comprehensive study has been performed on the potential public health and environmental risks associated with fracking -- and subsequent risk mitigation strategies and public health and environmental protection requirements have been implemented -- Los Angeles residents should not be subject to the increased risks that come with fracking operations in and around their communities;

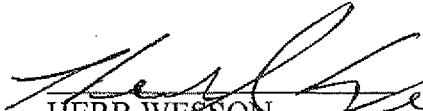
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program support for SB 1132 (Mitchell), which would impose a moratorium on fracking and acidization in order to protect California's air and water from pollution caused by this dangerous form of oil and gas extraction.


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