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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, in March 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Affordable Care Act) to ensure that all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the Affordable Care Act is fully paid for and will provide coverage to 94 percent of Americans; and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act, consumers may choose a health plan and may not be denied or dropped from coverage due to pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act also expanded Medi-Cal coverage to include individuals and families under 138 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act specifically denies health care coverage to undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2014, Senator Ricardo Lara introduced Senate Bill (SB) 1005 which would expand access to health care coverage to all Californians, regardless of immigration status; and

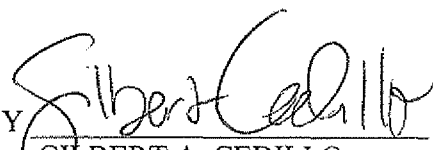
WHEREAS, recent estimates by the proposer of the bill indicate that up to four million Californians will be uninsured after full implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, according to the author of SB 1005, access to preventive care keeps people healthier by providing regular check-ups and screenings, and early diagnosis of health problems; and

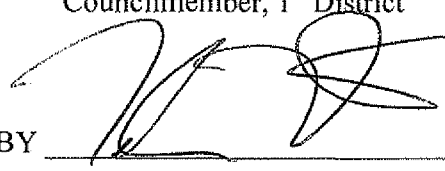
WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support legislation that provides health insurance and access to medical care to all sectors of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1005 (Lara) which would expand access to health care coverage for all Californians, regardless of immigration status.

PRESENTED BY

  
GILBERT A. CEDILLO  
Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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