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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, the recent 4.4 magnitude earthquake on March 17, 2014, and the 5.1 magnitude earthquake and their many respective aftershocks on March 28, 2014 rattled Southern California, giving residents a reality check on being earthquake prepared; and,

WHEREAS, for several years, the earthquake early-warning system along the West Coast has been in the pilot mode, finding ways to advance past this pilot program; and,

WHEREAS, it has been noted that other countries have implemented such technology, and an earthquake-prone region such as Southern California have not; and,

WHEREAS, recently, a dozen of our California state legislators led by Representative Adam Schiff, have joined together to urge the federal appropriations sub-committee to fully fund a \$16.1 million widespread earthquake early-warning system along the West Coast; and,

WHEREAS, the early-warning system, developed by Caltech, UC Berkeley, University of Washington and the U.S. Geological Survey, uses sensors to trigger shaking and can notify residents when they will feel the effects of the earthquake in the region in which they reside; and,

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, the early-warning system in its pilot phase is only being updated as current funding allows and it is necessary for us to continue to move the system forward technologically, and gain consistently stable funding; and,

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 or sponsorship of any legislation seeking funding for earthquake safety improvements, such as that of the earthquake early-warning system along the West Coast, and including all other efforts to improve earthquake preparedness in the Southern California region.

PRESENTED BY



TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY



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