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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, AB 47 (Gatto), which previously dealt with false 911 calls, was recently subjected to a gut and amend, and now seeks to enable law enforcement to issue alerts in some hit-and-run collisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a significant number of hit-and-run collisions each year, many of which result in serious injuries or deaths; and

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

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2014, the City Council adopted a position to support or sponsor legislation to create a system similar to Colorado's "Medina Alert" system (C.F. 14-0002-S41), which issues emergency alerts similar to an Amber Alert, but for severe or fatal hit and run collisions where a reliable description of the vehicle involved is available; and


WHEREAS, AB 47 (Gatto) would create a "Yellow Alert" system, substantially similar to Colorado's Medina Alert, to alert the public in serious or fatal hit-and-run collisions; and

WHEREAS, AB 47 would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue an alert through the existing Emergency Alert System to notify the public of the specific description of a vehicle suspected of being involved in a hit-and-run when a person has been seriously injured or killed; and

WHEREAS, AB 47 would create a new tool for effectively addressing hit-and-runs in California;

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 for AB 47 (Gatto), which would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue a "Yellow Alert" if a person has been killed or seriously injured in a hit-and-run incident and there is a reliable description of the vehicle.

PRESENTED BY


JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY




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