

RESOLUTION

FOR TUESDAY 9/22

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT

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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, we should all be committed to boosting voter registration and empowering millions of California citizens to participate in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 elections saw the lowest voter turnout since World War II, and a City Council race in Los Angeles had a turnout of just 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, 6.6 million California citizens cannot vote in elections because they are eligible, but not currently registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, in California, unregistered voters are predominantly Latinos, Asian Pacific Islanders and youth; and

WHEREAS, voter registration remains one of the single largest barriers to participation in our democracy; and


WHEREAS, California ranks 38<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states in voter registration and the voter registration rate in Los Angeles is just 48%; and

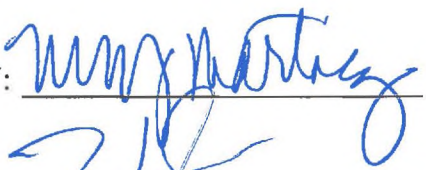

WHEREAS, in the 2014 elections, California ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in voter participation; and

WHEREAS, civic participation is the foundation of our democracy, and our government is stronger when more citizens are engaged in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has passed the California New Motor Voter Act (AB 1461 - Gonzalez) which would make voter registration easier when citizens obtain or renew a driver's license or change their address at the Department of Motor Vehicles;

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 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the California New Motor Voter Act (AB 1461 - Gonzalez) which would make voter registration easier when citizens obtain or renew a driver's license or change their address at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and encourages the Governor to sign it.

PRESENTED BY:   
HERB J. WESSON, Jr.  
Councilman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:   


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