

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding H.R. 3068 (Pocan) and S. 1766 (Schatz), the Restore Honor to Service Members Act.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz - Bonin - O'Farrell), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 3068 (Pocan) and S. 1766 (Schatz), the Restore Honor to Service Members Act, which simplifies and streamlines the administrative process to allow veterans who received less than honorable discharges solely because of their sexual orientation to clear their military records and become eligible for all benefits and veterans' services to which they should be entitled.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: West Hills Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on February 16, 2016, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered Resolution (Koretz - Bonin - O'Farrell) and a report from the CLA dated February 12, 2016 relative to establishing the City's position regarding H.R. 3068 (Pocan) and S. 1766 (Schatz), the Restore Honor to Service Members Act, which would simplify and streamline the administrative process to allow veterans who received less-than-honorable discharges solely because of their sexual orientation to clear their military records and become eligible for all benefits and veterans' services to which they should be entitled. The CLA report attached to the Council file provides additional background information and a summary of the Resolution.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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