

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, in 1996, Congress passed legislation that effectively prohibited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from conducting research on gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in the nearly twenty years since this legislation was approved, no federally-funded scientific research on gun violence has been conducted; and

WHEREAS, in that same time period, deaths related to gun violence have grown to make up a larger percentage of premature deaths in the United States, and are on track to surpass vehicle collisions as the leading cause death among young people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, federal research has been invaluable in reducing premature deaths from other causes, and doctors from around the country believe CDC and NIH research would help to address the gun death epidemic in this country; and

WHEREAS, even former Representative Jay Dickey, the author of the amendment that put this prohibition in place, regrets it and believes that research on this issue should be supported by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, it will be impossible to develop any comprehensive solution to the gun-related death and violence epidemic facing this country without a body of federally-funded research to help identify its root causes; and

WHEREAS, it is past time to restore federal funding to the CDC and NIH for research on gun violence and its causes;

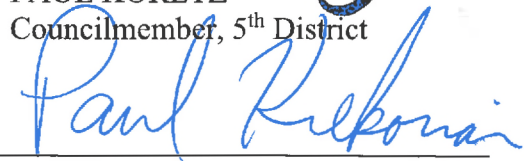
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation that would lift the restrictions on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) that prohibit them from conducting any research on gun violence.

PRESENTED BY



PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

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