

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, 1.3 million Californians are low-income, of which 72 percent have disabilities and 28 percent are elderly, and rely on government assistance as a major source of income;

WHEREAS, Social Security Insurance/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits are administered in California by the Social Security Administration and provide income support to individuals who are aged 65 or older, blind, or disabled; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the State Legislature and Governor reduced grants to individuals to amounts well below the federal poverty level in an effort to balance the State budget; and

WHEREAS, AB 1584 (Brown) would increase SSI/SSP grants by reinstating the cost-of-living adjustment beginning July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, additionally, AB 1584 would increase aid grants for specified applicants and recipients by \$21 on January 1, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 and increase the amount of benefits paid under the SSP; and

WHEREAS, AB 1584 would begin to incrementally restore income support to the most vulnerable residents of our State, including seniors and disabled Californians, whereby they could sustain a decent quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESVOLED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1584 (Brown), which would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning July 1, 2017 and increase aid grants for specified applicants and recipients.

PRESENTED BY: 
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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