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, excessive noise is detrimental to health and considered to be a major source of stress in urban settings; and

WHEREAS, intrusive noise pollution from helicopters hovering over residential areas in the Los Angeles Basin is largely caused by media coverage on celebrities and popular events rather than law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Section 119D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (HR 3547) requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to achieve reductions in helicopter noise throughout the Los Angeles Basin by 2015; and

WHEREAS, nearly two years after the enactment of HR 3547, the FAA is still unsuccessful in meeting the directives in the bill; and

WHEREAS, nearly three years of collaboration between the FAA, helicopter operators, and Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition, an ad hoc group of residents formed to represent residents' interests in reducing helicopter noise, have not resulted in any agreement among stakeholders;

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 administrative action by the FAA to adopt Special Federal Aviation Regulations that would reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County as soon as possible.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KORETZ Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:

