

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, the University of California (UC) is a key component of the California higher education system and is widely known for enrolling large numbers of high-performing students of all economic backgrounds and providing these students with rigorous preparation for the workforce and further studies; and

WHEREAS, UC also engages in innovative scientific research which has generated billions of tax dollars and economic growth through the creation of jobs, technologies, new products, new industries, new companies, and advances in medicine; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of a State Aerospace Tax Credit in 2014 and a contract award from the United States Air Force in 2015 has positioned California to benefit from thousands of new jobs designing and building the Long Range Strike Bomber; and


WHEREAS, pending before the Legislature is AB 2600 (Lackey) which would request that the UC Regents establish the California Institute for Aerospace within twenty miles of Edwards Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 in order to leverage the State's existing aerospace industry infrastructure and to function as an incubator for technological innovation, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with UC, the institute will generate economic growth in the region and will strengthen Southern California's position as a global leader in the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, the model provided by the Collaborative Center for Aerospace Sciences, a joint research venture of the United States Air Force Research Laboratory and UCLA, is an example of the possible partnerships the institute could foster with other organizations; and

WHEREAS, support for AB 2600 is consistent with existing City policies and programs which foster job growth, economic growth, and workforce development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2600 (Lackey), which would request the Regents of the University of California to establish the California Institute for Aerospace within twenty miles of Edwards Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42.

PRESENTED BY: 
MITCHELL ENGLANDER
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SECONDED BY: 

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