

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, electricity outages caused by metallic balloons are increasing every year in California; and

WHEREAS, outages not only cause great inconvenience to individuals and revenue loss to businesses but also risks to public safety; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2016, a metallic balloon came in contact with an Edison subtransmission power line triggering an unplanned flaring event at the ExxonMobil refinery in Torrance, resulting in the hospitalization of four refinery workers; and

WHEREAS, current law that requires weights on metallic balloons has been ineffective; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, LADWP experienced over 500 metallic balloon-caused outages, representing a 100% increase from 2014; and

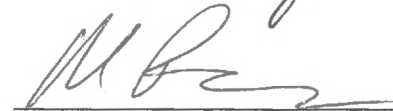
WHEREAS, AB 2709 (Quirk) will phase in a statewide ban of metallic balloons and is a responsible and more effective response to better protect our electrical grid and public safety than current regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution the Los Angeles City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor, hereby includes in the City of Los Angeles 2015-2016 State Legislative Programs SUPPORT the passage of AB 2709 (Quirk).

PRESENTED BY:



SECONDED BY:



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