

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

WHEREAS, on the night of September 3, 1988, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Officer Daniel Pratt and his partner, Officer Veronica Delao Jenkins, were on an undercover stakeout in South Los Angeles when they heard gunfire; seconds later, a car involved in a drive-by-shooting nearby drove past them; and

WHEREAS, as the Officers radioed in their observations and requested permission to follow the car, a short chase ensued, which ended at a nearby gas station where the Officers parked their car for cover; and

WHEREAS, while Officer Pratt called for backup, Raylene Brooks, the driver of the car that the Officers were following, made an abrupt U-turn towards the Officers, driving the wrong way on a one-way street to enable her gang-member boyfriend to fire at the Officers with an AR-15 assault rifle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pratt was killed in the gunfire, and Raylene Brooks and her boyfriend fled the scene of the shooting; and

WHEREAS, after being profiled on "America's Most Wanted," Raylene Brooks turned herself in, and was eventually convicted of first degree murder of a law enforcement officer and sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2016, a panel of the Board of Parole Hearings recommended that Brooks be granted parole, subject to review by the full Board and then the governor; and

WHEREAS, Raylene Brooks willfully participated in the murder of a LAPD Officer, and she should not be allowed to walk free ever again;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for administrative action by the full Board of Parole Hearings and/or Governor Brown to reverse the decision to grant parole to Raylene Brooks.

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