

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, the use of lead ammunition by hunters in California and Los Angeles is contaminating the environment with lead toxins and leading to the death of various species of wildlife, particularly scavengers that feed on the animal remains left from hunters; and

WHEREAS, lead is a neurotoxin and a lingering source of pollution in the environment that has compromised the efforts of various environmental organizations to restore endangered wildlife in the City, including bald eagles and turkey vultures; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the United States Senate is a bill, HR2406, which would diminish the authority of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to regulate the use of ammunition based on its lead content; and

WHEREAS, HR2406 also loosens restrictions on the importation of select African ivory, which has proven to be a determinant of political violence and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Biological Diversity, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and the National Parks Conservation Association have recommended opposition to HR2406; and

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 opposition to HR2406, the Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015, which perpetuates the illegal African ivory trade and loosens restrictions on lead ammunition.

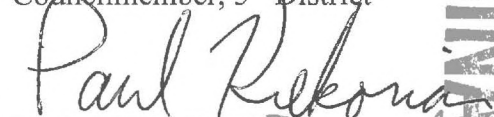


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PRESENTED BY



PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

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