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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 government 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, currently pending in the United States House of Representatives is a proposal for a new rule that makes it considerably more difficult for Congress to reallocate Social Security payroll tax revenue from the program's retirement fund ("OASI") to the program's disability fund ("SD"); and

WHEREAS, Congress routinely reallocates these funds to enhance the viability of the social security trust fund and the house republicans moved to block this standard reallocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, without a reallocation of revenue from the retirement fund to the disability fund, the disability fund will run out of reserves in 2016, requiring a 20% cut to disability benefits; and

WHEREAS, reallocation between the two programs has traditionally been a routine matter; and

WHEREAS, the need to replenish the DI fund is largely the result of the reallocation of revenues from DI to OASI which started in 1983 and has happened 11 times since; and

WHEREAS, a reallocation to replenish DI would have only a minor effect on the solvency of OASI; and

WHEREAS, any action adopting this rule will ostensibly cause harm to the hard working people of Los Angeles by putting the health and welfare of the elderly and disabled, some of the most vulnerable members of our population, at serious risk;

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 any legislation or other Congressional action which adopts its new rules regarding the reallocation of Social Security payroll tax revenue between DI and OASI.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz
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Councilmember 5th, District

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