

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, under current law, California sentences numerous people convicted of first degree murder to death each year, even though the state rarely carries out executions; and

WHEREAS, the death penalty costs the state approximately \$178 million each year, despite the fact that no executions have been carried out in almost 11 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to reform this, proponents of the death penalty have put forward Proposition 66, the Death Penalty Reform and Savings Act, which will expedite the death penalty process; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 66 would cost the taxpayers a significant amount of money, as the state would have to fund the legal defense of more individuals sentenced to death and likely construct more death row facilities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 66 would increase the likelihood that an innocent individual would be executed by the state, as it would condense the hearing process and reduce the amount of time an individual has to appeal their sentence; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 66 would overburden an already strained court system with death penalty cases, and force death penalty appeals cases on inexperienced judges; and

WHEREAS, the death penalty is an outdated and expensive punishment, and has no deterrent value; and

WHEREAS, the state should be working to eliminate the death penalty, not expand it;

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 OPPOSITION to Proposition 66, the Death Penalty Reform and Savings Act of 2016, which would reform the death penalty process in order to expedite executions.

PRESENTED BY:



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