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RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, there are limited housing services, assistance programs and resources for persons who are formerly incarcerated in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in a time of diminishing resources, the City can benefit from additional funding to provide formerly incarcerated persons, safe, stable housing and services to help overcome barriers to self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the Assembly is Assembly Bill 1056 (Atkins), which would authorize housing authorities to develop housing supports programs, which would include, at minimum, rental assistance, rapid rehousing services, and individual needs assessments for prospective tenants; and

WHEREAS, AB 1056 (Atkins) would allow housing authorities to finance housing supports programs from various sources, including grants and existing funding; and

WHEREAS, AB 1056 (Atkins) would create the Second Chance Fund in the State Treasury, which would be funded from a portion of savings from implementing Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, approved by California voters in 2014, which made changes to felony sentencing laws, including reclassifying certain felonies to misdemeanors, and directed cost savings to programs that reduce recidivism; and

WHEREAS, the Second Chance Fund would provide grants to housing authorities that establish housing supports programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support legislation that creates funding for local housing authorities to administer housing assistance and services aimed at reducing recidivism and creating new opportunities for persons who are formerly incarcerated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of Assembly Bill 1056 (Atkins), which would authorize housing authorities to create housing supports programs in the City of Los Angeles.

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