

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, Proposition 47, which reclassified certain felonies as misdemeanors, was passed by the voters in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, crimes reclassified under Proposition 47 included theft, forgery, shoplifting and various drug possession charges; and

WHEREAS, under current law, individuals accused of a felony must submit a DNA sample to law enforcement, which is placed into a DNA database; and

WHEREAS, a robust DNA database enables law enforcement agencies to solve serious crimes such as murder and rape, by comparing DNA collected at a crime scene to the DNA samples in the database; and

WHEREAS, the reclassification of various felonies as misdemeanors under Proposition 47 reduced the number of individuals who are required to submit a DNA sample, reducing the efficacy of the DNA database; and

WHEREAS, AB 360 (Cooper) would require that an individual convicted of a Proposition 47 misdemeanor submit a DNA sample to law enforcement to be registered in the database; and

WHEREAS, AB 360 ensures that the DNA database maintains its usefulness, by ensuring that the DNA of people convicted for drug possession and other serious misdemeanors continue to be included;

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 AB 360 (Cooper), which would require persons convicted of crimes reclassified as misdemeanors by Proposition 47 to provide a DNA sample to law enforcement.

PRESENTED BY



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