

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, recent events across the country involving the use of force by police departments have resulted in increased calls for the deployment of body-worn cameras by police agencies, in an effort to increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles recently announced that it will be purchasing and deploying 7,000 body-worn cameras on officers across the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, these cameras, while an important addition to a police officer's toolkit, represent a significant cost to local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2014, President Obama announced that he would ask that federal funding be allocated to local jurisdictions for the purchase of body-worn cameras for police officers; and

WHEREAS, the President stated that any grant program for body-worn cameras would require matching funds from state or local agencies; and

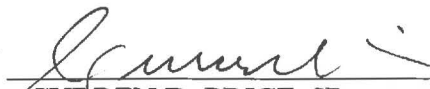
WHEREAS, AB 65 (Alejo) would transfer funds from the state's General Fund to the California Department of Justice to establish a grant program to help local jurisdictions meet the federal match requirements; and

WHEREAS, AB 65 would enable the City of Los Angeles to purchase body-worn cameras with a lower fiscal impact to the City's budget; and

WHEREAS, AB 65 would encourage more local jurisdictions in California to purchase body-worn cameras, increasing transparency and accountability for police departments;

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 65 (Alejo), which would establish a grant program for the purpose of matching federal funds available to local law enforcement entities to purchase body-worn cameras and related equipment.

PRESENTED BY


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SECONDED BY




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