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, existing law prohibits a person from possessing a firearm in a school zone without the written permission of certain school district officials; and

WHEREAS, school zones are defined to include the school grounds and the area within 1,000 feet of a public or private K through 12 school; and

WHEREAS, current law also prohibits the possession of a firearm on a college or university campus without the permission of specified university or college officials; and

WHEREAS, currently, persons holding a valid license to carry a concealed and loaded weapon (CCW) and retired peace officers authorized to carry concealed and loaded firearms are exempted from these requirements; and

WHEREAS, SB 707 (Wolk) would eliminate this exemption, and require that individuals authorized by state law to carry a concealed and loaded weapon acquire the permission of school officials to carry a weapon on campus; and

WHEREAS, SB 707 ensures that school grounds and university campuses remain gun-free and reduce the number of hidden, loaded, firearms brought onto school grounds and college campuses; and

WHEREAS, SB 707 is consistent with state efforts to maintain school grounds and college campuses as safe, gun free environments for students;

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 SB 707 (Wolk), which would amend the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995 to remove the exemption that allows a person authorized to carry a concealed firearm to possess a firearm on the campus of a university or college, or on the grounds of a public or private school providing instruction in grades Kindergarten through 12.

PRESENTED BY

SECONDED BY

PAUL KORETZ Councilmember, 5th District