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, current California law bans individuals convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, or a person that meets certain other requirements, from owning or possessing a firearm for life; and

WHEREAS, current law also bans individuals convicted of numerous misdemeanors involving violence or the threat of violence from owning or possessing a firearm for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, California law also prohibits individuals who are found to be a danger to themselves or others as a result of a mental disorder from owning or possessing a firearm for five years; and

WHEREAS, SB 347 (Jackson) would expand the list of convictions that result in a 10-year prohibition on firearm ownership or possession to include gun-related misdemeanors, such as selling or furnishing ammunition to a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm, dealing in firearms without a license, and the carrying of a loaded or concealed firearm in certain cases; and

WHEREAS, while not violent, the crimes that SB 347 adds to the 10-year ban are serious, and should result in an individual being prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm; and

WHEREAS, SB 347 would promote public safety by prohibiting individuals who are guilty of supplying firearms and ammunition to prohibited individuals from owning or possessing a firearm;

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 347 (Jackson), which would add specified gun-related offenses to the list of misdemeanors that results in a 10-year prohibition on firearms possession.

PRESENTED BY

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