

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 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, existing state law calls for a sale tax to be imposed on retailers for the privilege of selling tangible personal property; and

WHEREAS, AB 88 (Gomez), introduced January 7, 2015, seeks to establish a sales tax exemption for energy or water efficient home appliances, purchased by a public utility, that is provided at no cost to low-income participants in a federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy efficiency program; and

WHEREAS, AB 88 also seeks to provide that any amounts that would have been paid as sales tax by the public utility, should be used to purchase additional energy or water efficient home appliances to be provided to low-income participants; and


WHEREAS, the author of the measure states that AB 88 will help further the state's environmental goals by reducing energy and water consumption - while facilitating access of these products to a greater number of low-income participants; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Water and Power (DWP) conducts an energy efficiency program that supports the use of energy and water efficient home appliances for residential customers; and

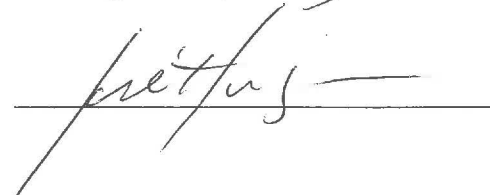
WHEREAS, AB 88 would allow the DWP to provide a greater number of energy and water efficient home appliances to low-income participants thereby furthering the City's energy and water efficiency objectives;

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 88 (Gomez) which seeks to establish a sales tax exemption for energy or water efficient home appliances, purchased by a public utility, that is provided at no cost to low-income participants in order to further energy and water efficiency objectives.

PRESENTED BY:


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