

RESOLUTION

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, on November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 made significant changes to California law, including changes to the definition of what constitutes grand theft; and

WHEREAS, previously, the theft of a firearm constituted grand theft in all circumstances, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for sixteen months, two years or three years; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47 requires that theft of all property with a value under \$950 be charged as petty theft, including firearms; and

WHEREAS, many handguns, the type of firearm favored by criminals, are worth less than \$950; and

WHEREAS, it is important that theft of a firearm be charged as grand theft, to serve as disincentive to individuals who may steal firearms to sell illicitly; and


WHEREAS, AB 150 (Melendez) would make the theft of a firearm grand theft in all cases, regardless of the value of the firearm stolen; and


WHEREAS, AB 150 would ensure that individuals who steal firearms in California are appropriately charged, regardless of the value of the firearm they stole; and

WHEREAS, AB 150's provisions would be placed on the ballot and only become effective if approved by the voters;

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 150 (Melendez), which would make the theft of a firearm grand theft in all cases, regardless of the value of the firearm stolen, upon approval of the voters.

PRESENTED BY 
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

PRESENTED BY 
MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District


jwd
JAN 28 2015

SECONDED BY 

ORIGINAL