

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is well-established scientific fact that smoking is linked to many serious diseases and conditions, such as cancer, heart disease, bronchitis, emphysema, and stroke; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently taken various steps to address health concerns related to the use of tobacco products, including the adoption of increased enforcement measures in the City's Tobacco Enforcement Program, approved by the City Council on August 21, 2015 (C.F. 13-1204-S3); and

WHEREAS, SB 151 (Hernandez), introduced on January 29, 2015, would increase the legal age to purchase or consume tobacco products from 18 to 21; and

WHEREAS, SB 151 was approved by the Senate but is now pending in the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization and is not expected to advance further at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has called two Extraordinary Sessions of the Legislature to address transportation and health care issues, including bills related to the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, before the Legislature are SBX2 7 (Hernandez) and ABX2 8 (Wood) which would increase the legal age to purchase or consume tobacco products from 18 to 21; and

WHEREAS, SBX2 7 and ABX2 8 are substantially similar to SB 151 and will greatly decrease the numbers of young people who will become addicted to tobacco products at an early age; and

WHEREAS, these bills will ensure continued progress in our efforts to reduce the rates of tobacco-related deaths and disease statewide, and should be supported;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SBX2 7 (Hernandez) and ABX2 8 (Wood) which would increase the minimum legal age to purchase or consume tobacco products from 18 to 21.

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Councilmember, 5th District

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