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RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT relative to establishing the City's position regarding electronic cigarettes.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell - Parks), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SBX2 5 (Leno) and ABX2 6 (Cooper) relative to the use of electronic cigarettes.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

<u>SUMMARY</u>

At its regular meeting held on August 21, 2015, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell - Parks), and a report from the CLA dated July 27, 2015 relative to establishing the City's position to support SB 140 (Leno) regarding electronic cigarettes if amended to recast and broaden the definition of "tobacco product" in State law to include electronic cigarettes. Additionally, the Committee considered an additional report on the matter from the CLA dated August 20, 2015 which transmitted a revised Resolution expressing support for SBX2 5 (Leno) and ABX2 6 (Cooper).

The CLA report dated August 20, 2015 states that SBX2 5 (Leno) and ABX2 6 (Cooper) are bills introduced during a Extraordinary Sessions of the State Legislature regarding healthcare issues, and that the bills would: define electronic cigarettes as tobacco products, restrict the use of electronic cigarettes in the same locations as traditional cigarettes, increase the penalties and enforcement options for selling electronic cigarettes to minors, and require electronic cigarette retailers to be licensed. The report further states that SBX2 5 and ABX2 6 are substantially similar to SB 140 and includes a provision that defines electronic cigarettes as tobacco products.

After consideration and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying revised Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MEMBERVOTEWESSON:YESHUIZAR:ABSENT

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

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