

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

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest occurs when electrical impulses in the heart become rapid or chaotic, which causes the heart to suddenly stop beating; and

WHEREAS, over 350,000 people in the United States experience out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests annually; however, many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors; and

WHEREAS, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was invented in 1960 and is an emergency technique that involves the manual application of chest compressions and ventilation which provides oxygen to the brain and heart of patients in cardiac arrest until advanced help arrives; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of cardiac arrest incidents occur at home; thus, if an individual is called upon to perform CPR, the life saved is more likely to be a spouse, child, parent, or friend; and

WHEREAS, nine out of ten people who experience a cardiac arrest incident will not survive; however, if CPR is administered, a victim's chance of survival can double; and

WHEREAS, CPR has developed from a technique performed by physicians and other healthcare professionals to a simple skill that anyone can learn, including children; and

WHEREAS, before the Legislature is AB 1719 (Rodriguez), which would require high schools to provide instruction to students on the performance of CPR; and

WHEREAS, establishing CPR as part of a required course in high school will have immediate and positive public health impacts throughout the State, while also teaching youth an invaluable skill that can be used to save the life of a loved one or bystander;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1719 (Rodriguez), which would require high schools to provide instruction on performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 

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