

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, AB 1900 (Jones-Sawyer and O'Donnell) authorizes the Judicial Council of California to sell the San Pedro Courthouse at fair market value, upon the terms and conditions that the Judicial Council deems in the best interests of the state, as long as the following requirements are met: 1) the sale complies with the Judicial Council's responsibilities and authorities with regard to court facilities; 2) the Judicial Council consults with the County of Los Angeles on the sale; and 3) the Judicial Council offers the County of Los Angeles the right to purchase the property at fair market value; and

WHEREAS, due to a decrease in revenue from civil and criminal fines and fees, and other reductions in available funds, the Judicial Council has cancelled and indefinitely delayed 15 facilities projects that are in "immediate and critical need" in order to preserve funds from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account (ICNA); and

WHEREAS, to improve and increase the funds of the ICNA, the proceeds from the sale of the San Pedro Courthouse shall be transferred to the ICNA from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, which provides funds for court construction projects and other facility-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council of California's ongoing budget constraints resulted in the closure of the San Pedro Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, there are no plans to reopen the San Pedro Courthouse since it has been vacated and the Judicial Council continues to pay for the costs of the operations and the maintenance of that site; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council advises that it has become unsustainable to have as many courthouses as the State once did; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles supports this bill and seeks to reinvest the property back into the community to be a point of civic activity and services that benefits the San Pedro community;

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 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1900 (Jones-Sawyer and O'Donnell), which authorizes the Judicial Council to manage the sale of the San Pedro Courthouse and allow for the County of Los Angeles to be given the option to first purchase the property prior to the facility being offered to other local or state governmental agencies.

PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:


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