

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS; the City of Los Angeles is a diverse community that aims to create infrastructure to support people throughout all walks of life; and

WHEREAS; improving the pedestrian experience throughout the streets of the City of Los Angeles should be at the forefront of policy; and

WHEREAS; policy makers in the City of Los Angeles are putting an emphasis on updating pedestrian and multi-modal transportation infrastructure to encourage more pedestrian use through Complete Streets strategies, such as leading pedestrian "head start" intersections, Road Diets, parklets, and pedestrian plazas, etc; and

WHEREAS; promoting walkability and pedestrian safety is a key component of the City's Mobility Plan 2035; and

WHEREAS; the current California state "jaywalking" law was enacted back in 1981; and

WHEREAS; in 2008, the City of Los Angeles began widespread use of countdown signals as part of a pedestrian safety initiative to give pedestrians a clearer understanding of exactly how many seconds of safe crossing time they have; and

WHEREAS; state law currently does not differentiate between the now little-used flashing hand-signal crosswalks and countdown signal crosswalks where pedestrians know how many seconds they have to cross the street, yet are ticketed as soon as the countdown begins; and

WHEREAS; recently there has been an emphasis on educating the residents of the City of Los Angeles in regards to jaywalking laws and pedestrian safety; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby recommends and supports new State legislation to update pedestrian laws to include new and safe guidelines for countdown signal crosswalks.

PRESENTED BY: 

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