

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, Donald Trump has called climate change “a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese government” and appointed the first anti-environment Administrator to head the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), who previously made a career of suing the EPA and seeking to dismantle air and water protections; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump and Congress have signaled intent to abandon the Clean Power Plan rule that reduces climate change pollution from large smoke stacks; and

WHEREAS, Congress has used the Congressional Review Act to eliminate regulations preventing dumping coal ash into rivers and uncontrolled releases of methane gas like the catastrophic leak at Porter Ranch and; and there are bills already introduced in Congress to gut the federal Endangered Act and other bills proposing to roll back clean water protections; and

WHEREAS, a state bill has been introduced, SB-49 (De Leon/Stern/et al), intended to ensure California does not go backwards on public health, environmental, and worker safety standards regardless of what Donald Trump and Congress try to do; and

WHEREAS, there is ample precedent for this kind of legislation, for example, when the former Bush Administration proposed rolling back federal smoke stack pollution requirements that seek to mitigate smog, the California legislature passed SB-288 (Chapter 466 Statutes of 2003), the Protect California Air Act of 2003, which enacted the federal smoke stack rules into California Law so that regardless of federal governmental actions, important anti-smog protections remained in place in the State; and

WHEREAS, SB-288 has never been challenged and has ensured that air pollution in the City and the Central Valley continued to be reduced, regardless of federal attempts to roll back environmental protections; and

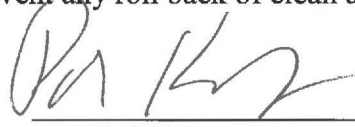
WHEREAS, SB-49 will simply keep in place standards and requirements that businesses have already met, and, in many cases, that they have met for decades, so there should be no new additional cost; and

WHEREAS, SB-49 simply aims to ensure “no going backwards” on clean air and clean water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has long supported aggressive clean air and clean water and climate change mitigation measures and should continue to do so for the health and well-being of its residents;

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 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill SB-49 (De Leon/Stern/et al) to prevent any roll back of clean air and clean water measures.

PRESENTED BY:



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