

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, as of 2015, 427,910 children were in foster care in the United States, with an average age of 8.6 years; and

WHEREAS, many children who exit the foster care system at age 18 are not adequately prepared for adulthood; these young adults are at high risk of experiencing poor educational outcomes, unemployment, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have confirmed the positive impacts of mentors on children's lives, including youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, children who have mentors are less likely to skip school and are more likely to enroll in college; and

WHEREAS, such children also benefit from improved relationships with adults, fewer disciplinary referrals, and more confidence to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs for children in foster care are unique and require that mentors be provided specialized training and support; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the United States House of Representatives, is H.R. 2952 (Bass), the Foster Youth Mentoring Act of 2017, which would support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, through the award of grants to eligible agencies, H.R. 2952 would ensure that youth in foster care have access to supportive adults as they transition into adulthood;

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 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 2952 (Bass), the Foster Youth Mentoring Act of 2017, which supports the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care.

PRESENTED BY: 

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