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, hundreds of thousands of small cell wireless facilities are expected to be installed over the next few years in the United States to prepare for the roll-out of fifth generation (5G) mobile technology; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Los Angeles, wireless carriers must seek local approval of permits to build wireless facilities and related telecommunications equipment or to add upon existing facilities, known as collocation; and

WHEREAS, S. 3157 (Thune), the Streamlining the Rapid Evolution and Modernization of Leading-Edge Infrastructure Necessary to Enhance Small Cell Deployment Act (or STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act) was introduced in the Senate on June 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, S. 3157 would provide the City only 60 days to authorize a permit for the collocation of a small personal wireless service facility and only 90 days for any other action relating to a small personal wireless service facility; and

WHEREAS, if the City fails to grant approval of a permit within the timeframe, the permit will be deemed approved; and

WHEREAS, the City would only be allowed to set fees for permits based on the actual and direct costs to the City for the placement, construction, or modification of a small personal wireless facility, which does not adequately reflect the value of the Los Angeles market to wireless carriers; and

WHEREAS, this proposal unnecessarily constrains the ability of the City to properly assess the placement of small cell infrastructure and appropriately price permits for the Los Angeles market;

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 OPPOSITION to S. 3157 (Thune), the STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act, which would streamline the siting process for small cell wireless facility deployment.

PRESENTED BY MONICA RODRIGUEZ (Councilwoman, 7th District

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