

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, the American Optometric Association recommends that children receive a comprehensive eye examination before first grade and every two years thereafter in order to prepare them for a lifetime of learning and achievement; and

WHEREAS, untreated eye and vision problems can affect a child's ability to learn, be associated to developmental delays, and even lead to loss of sight or blindness in their adult lives; and

WHEREAS, research shows that 80 percent of all learning during a child's first 12 years is done through the eyes; and


WHEREAS, it is estimated that 25 percent of children have a vision problem that could affect their school work and that 95 percent of first graders in California who need glasses do not have them; and

WHEREAS, under existing state law, the parent or guardian of a first grade student must provide a certificate signed by a medical professional documenting that the child has received a health check-up that included a vision screening; and

WHEREAS, prior proposals such as AB 1110 if enacted, would have increased access to comprehensive eye exams provided by a physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist upon elementary school entry for all California's students;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation or administrative action that would recognize the importance of good vision and eye health for children to prepare them for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

PRESENTED BY:

  
BOB BLUMENFIELD  
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SECONDED BY:



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