

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 government 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, electricity outages caused by metallic balloons are increasing every year in California; and

WHEREAS, outages not only cause great inconvenience to individuals and revenue loss to businesses, but also risks to public safety; and

WHEREAS, in Southern California, a metallic balloon came in contact with a power line, causing a flaring event at a local refinery that severely injured four workers; and

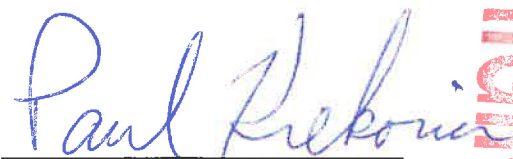
WHEREAS, current law makes it a crime for a person to sell or distribute a balloon that is constructed of electrically conductive material and filled with a gas lighter than air, without a statement affixed to the balloon that warns the consumer about the risk if the balloon comes in contact with an electrical power line; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power continues to experience a trend of increasing annual outages caused by metallic balloons; and

WHEREAS, AB 2450 (Quirk) will require a person who manufactures a balloon that is constructed of electrically conductive material and filled with a gas lighter than air to permanently mark each balloon with a printed statement that warns the consumer about the risk if the balloon comes in contact with an electrical power line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby, in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2450 (Quirk), which will require manufacturers of balloons constructed of electrically conductive material and filled with a gas lighter than air to permanently mark each balloon with a printed statement that warns the consumer about the risk if the balloon comes in contact with an electrical power line.

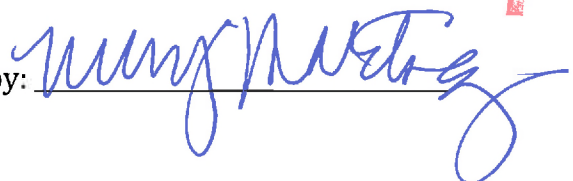
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