

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, distracted driving, any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with entertainment or navigation system, can have fatal consequences; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers; and

WHEREAS, existing California law prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone unless it is a hands-free device and is used in that manner while driving; and

WHEREAS, existing law provides an exemption for electronic device violations from being counted as points against a driver's record for purposes of suspension or revocation of the privilege to drive; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2018, Senator Newman introduced SB 1030 that would remove that exemption, thereby making those violations subject to a violation point against the driver's record; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that distracted driving be treated as seriously as drunk driving or not using a seat belt;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1030 (Newman) that would make electronic device violations subject to a point against the driver's record.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KERKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



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