

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, AB 2115 (Santiago), introduced on February 8, 2018, would require motorists attempting to pass a stopped waste vehicle to take certain safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that refuse and recyclable material collectors had the fifth highest fatal injury rate per 100,000 employees of any profession; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires motorists to slow down and move around tow trucks and Caltrans vehicles when they are displaying flashing lights, in order to protect the lives of the workers; and

WHEREAS, refuse and recyclable material collectors are subject to dangerous situations when their vehicles are stopped, but are not protected by legislation requiring motorists to proceed around the stopped vehicles with caution; and

WHEREAS, there are laws in 17 states requiring drivers to use more caution near waste and recycling trucks; and

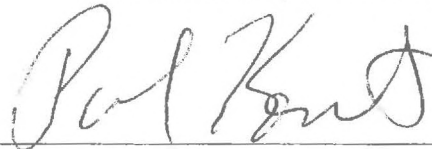
WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is committed to improving street safety, and protections for refuse and recyclable material collectors would help to effectuate that goal;

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 into its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2115 (Santiago), which would require the driver of a vehicle on a public street or highway approaching and overtaking a stopped and readily apparent waste service vehicle displaying flashing amber lights to make a lane change onto an available lane adjacent to the waste service vehicle and pass at a safe distance without interfering with the safe operation of the waste service vehicle, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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