

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) 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, California is facing some significant water challenges including the deterioration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, aging infrastructure, multi-year periods of dry conditions, and significant water shortages; and

WHEREAS, these challenges make it imperative that the State focus on achieving a sustainable water future through effective management of groundwater and surface waters, along with enhanced water use efficiency/conservation, water reuse, and stormwater use; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is currently working to comply with City's sustainability goals and State's requirements for water use reduction; and

WHEREAS, through December 1, 2019, existing State law excludes from taxable income amounts received as rebates or other financial incentives issued by a local water agency for participation in a turf removal water conservation program; and

WHEREAS, this tax exclusion/exemption effectively increases the value of financial incentives to customers to further encourage the use of water-efficient landscapes; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 2283 (Holden) seeks to extend this tax exclusion/exemption for another five years through January 1, 2024;

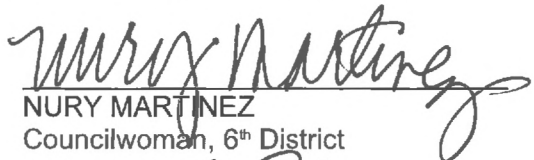
WHEREAS, sales and use tax exemptions can increase the attractiveness of water-efficient products and devices to consumers as well;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 3170 (Friedman) seeks to provide a three-day sales and use tax exemption holiday for qualified water-efficient products and devices through January 1, 2024;

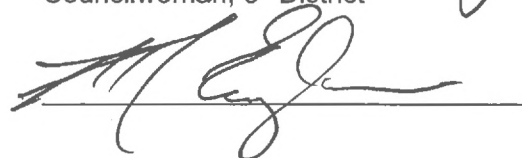
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Legislative Program, **SUPPORT** for:

- AB 2283 (Holden) that seeks to allow tax exclusions/exemptions for rebates and other financial incentives for water conservation or water efficiency programs through January 1, 2024; and
- AB 3170 (Friedman) that seeks to provides a sales and use tax exemption holiday for the purchase of water efficiency products and devices through January 1, 2024.

PRESENTED BY:


NURY MARTINEZ
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SECONDED BY:



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