

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 must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California has positioned itself on the forefront of the environmental sustainability movement through measures promoting the conservation and cleanliness of our land, water and air; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 5627, also known as the Farmers CARE Act, currently before the U.S. House of Representatives, would expand these efforts to the federal level; and

WHEREAS, the bill would reform the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) by providing financial and technical assistance to agriculturists and ensuring that their land remains productive while following environmental best practices; and


WHEREAS, the bill would also direct more federal spending to projects that improve sustainability, award more contracts to environmentally conscious producers, eliminate harmful feedlot and pesticide regimens, and promote organic agriculture; and

WHEREAS, this stands in stark contrast to this year's farm bill, H.R. 2, which threatens to cut funding for conservation programs, further degrading our environment; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 5627 would ensure that sustainable agriculture receives the federal support it needs while protecting the health, safety, and environmental access of all Americans;

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 Federal Legislative Program support for H.R. 5627, which would reform the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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