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 Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is experiencing a homelessness crisis in which thousands of people are living in their cars, vans, and campers/RVs and we must strive to keep using creative solutions until every person in Los Angeles is off the street and on a productive path forward; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the creation of Safe Parking programs as part of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy because the implementation of more Safe Parking locations can improve the quality of life for residents and business owners in neighborhoods with these programs as well as clients served; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that the clients of Safe Parking programs have up to date driver license, registration, and insurance has been a major barrier to access new Safe Parking programs in the queue, especially in the San Fernando Valley; and

WHEREAS, Department of Motor Vehicles is a key partner in ensuring that Safe Parking programs are up and running as soon as possible and state legislators should work to ensure the appropriate policies and resources are in place to provide supplemental services to Safe Parking programs to expedite the process of assisting those living in their vehicles to have a safe place to park overnight; and

WHEREAS, these supplemental services could be in the form of expedited processing of driver licenses and registration, additional staff assigned to assisting clients experiencing homelessness, and/or the creation of a special fund to cover these expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of the Resolution, the City of Los Angeles herby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal and State Legislative Program support for the legislative and/or any administrative action that would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide supplemental services to Safe Parking programs.

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PRESENTED BY:

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