

RESOLUTION ~~RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS~~

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, in 2002, voters approved Proposition 49, which was implemented in 2006 with over \$550 million annually appropriated to the After School Education and Safety Program (Program) to provide students in low-income communities access to safe, enriching after-school programs in the areas of academic assistance, enrichment activities, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the California Afterschool Advocacy Alliance (CA3) has reported that the Program provides funding for over 4,000 elementary and middle schools throughout the State, and serves more than 400,000 students daily of which 110,000 are in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) with 25,000 in the LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program, 15,000 in Woodcraft Rangers, 13,182 in After-School All-Star, and 1,500 in A World Fit for Kids; and

WHEREAS, participants enrolled in the Program are 20% less likely than non-participants to drop out of school and 30% less likely than non-participants to commit a juvenile crime; and

WHEREAS, participants in the Program in elementary school demonstrate improved attendance and higher GPAs in middle school; in addition, participants who attended the Program experience a statistically significant higher growth rate in California Standards Test (CST) scores in English/Language Arts and Math; and

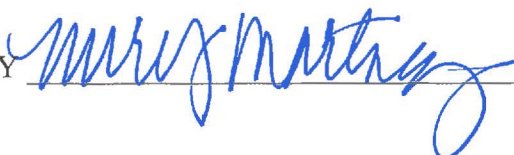
WHEREAS, insufficient funding levels have hindered the ability of the Program to attract and retain quality staff, which has resulted in reduced staffing hours, reduced professional development, the abandonment of specialized instruction, and fewer spaces for children in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently considering SB 78 (Leyva) and a corresponding budget request, which would appropriate additional funds for the Program; and

WHEREAS, SB 78 would ensure that children statewide will have an opportunity to enroll in the Program and will also increase educational outcomes for students in the LAUSD;

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 State Legislative Program support for the appropriation of additional funds for the After School Education and Safety Program and SB 78 (Leyva), which would require that the amount of funding appropriated for the After School Education and Safety Program be increased annually based on increases to the minimum wage.

PRESENTED BY 
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SECONDED BY 

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