

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, California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 40802 defines a speed trap as enforcing a speed limit by use of radar, laser, or other electronic equipment that is not justified by an Engineering and Traffic Survey (ETS); and

WHEREAS, the function of an ETS is to create a speed limit using the "critical speed" on a street, which is defined as the speed at which 85% of the drivers are driving at or below; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board has shown that setting a speed limit to the "critical speed" does not always produce the best safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the strict standards set by the CVC for allowing radar speed limit enforcement have restricted the City's ability to set and enforce speed limits; and

WHEREAS, after numerous attempts to revise State law relative to the setting and enforcement of speed limits, AB 529 (Gatto), enacted in October 2011, allows local authorities to round a speed limit to the nearest five miles per hour increment below the critical speed, but prohibited reducing speed limits any further; and

WHEREAS, legislation that would enhance local control over setting and enforcement of speed limits would enable the City to apply engineering judgment and take into account the varying contexts of streets and neighborhoods when evaluating speed limits, thus improving street safety;

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 legislation and/or administrative action that would increase local control of speed limit setting and enforcement.

PRESENTED BY:



MITCHELL ENGLANDER

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



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