

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, the City and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) support policies that help ensure all Californians have access to safe, clean, affordable and accessible drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board has identified 331 public water systems throughout the State that cannot provide their customers with safe and reliable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these public water systems are small, rural and typically serve less than 10,000 people; they often lack the technical, managerial, and financial resources to repair aging infrastructure, mitigate natural and manmade contaminants, or secure external funding; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 2050 (Caballero) would establish a new category of public water agency that could take advantage of improved economies of scale and develop the technical, managerial, and financial capacities needed to provide safe and reliable drinking water to customers; and

WHEREAS, AB 2050 would promote sustainable, fiscally responsible solutions for these public water systems by addressing underlying governance challenges; and

WHEREAS, without the governance changes facilitated by AB 2050, water users across the State could be required to subsidize challenged rural public water systems; and

WHEREAS, the LADWP estimates the cost of the subsidy at a \$1 per month minimum for the average City ratepayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program **SUPPORT** for AB 2050 (Caballero) which would authorize the creation of small system water authorities that will have powers to support and sustain small public water systems in order to ensure safe, clean and affordable drinking water.

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