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, most young students have their first contact with politics in their high school civics or government class to educate them of the political processes from the local to the federal levels of government; and

WHEREAS, a notable portion of citizens who have the right to vote in the general election in November currently do not have a voice in determining who will be on that general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, ACA 4 (Mullin) would authorize a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of the State of California, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs before the next general election; and

WHEREAS, granting voting rights in primary elections to 17-year-olds will increase their political engagement through participation in the civic process of elections; and

WHEREAS, in twenty-one states, including the District of Columbia, 17-year-olds who will be the age of 18 by the time of the next general election are permitted to vote in that year's congressional and presidential primaries;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program support for ACA 4 (Mullin) which would authorize a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of the State of California, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs before the next general election.

PRESENTED BY: _____

HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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