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, under current law, local jurisdictions are authorized to have vehicles removed from the public-right-of way and impounded under specific circumstances; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances include instances where an individual has received five or more parking citations and failed to pay them, a vehicle's registration is six months out of date, and instances where a vehicle has been left in the public right-of way for over 72 hours without being moved; and

WHEREAS, the ability to remove vehicles for these types of violations is an important enforcement tool for law enforcement and parking enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, AB 516 (Chiu) would place new restrictions on the removal and impoundment of vehicles by local jurisdictions by prohibiting the towing of vehicles for these violations; and

WHEREAS, supporters of AB 516 state that this bill will help the economically disadvantaged, but in reality this bill will only enable scofflaws to flout parking restrictions, as well as allow individuals to refuse to pay vehicle registration fees without fear of any consequences;

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 OPPOSITION to AB 516 (Chiu), which would prohibit local jurisdictions from towing vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or that have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved.

PRESENTED BY:

GRIEG SMITH Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY