

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, under existing law, a person who is a United States citizen, a resident of California, not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election, is permitted to register to vote; and

WHEREAS, the State's Legislature is required to provide for the disqualification of electors while mentally incompetent or imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Legislature, is a bill, ACA 6 (McCarty - Bonta, et al.), which proposes a constitutional amendment that will grant individuals on parole the opportunity to vote; and

WHEREAS, ACA 6 would delete a provision of law that requires the State's Legislature to provide for the disqualification of electors while on parole for the conviction of a felony; and

WHEREAS, ACA 6 would also provide that an elector disqualified from voting while serving a state or federal prison term shall have their right to vote restored upon the completion of their prison term; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT ACA 6 because states that allow people on parole to vote have lower rates of recidivism, and people on parole who are given the right to vote have an increased stake in their communities due to their renewed ability to address the issues that impact their daily lives;

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 6 (McCarty - Bonta, et al.), which would provide for the restoration of voting rights for electors upon completion of their prison term.

PRESENTED BY:



MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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