# 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, our forests provide 75 percent of California's clean water supply by capturing snow, rain, and fog, and then storing, filtering, and gradually releasing water throughout the year, processes that increase humidity and rainfall, cools temperatures, and help regulate global weather; and

WHEREAS, our forests continuously remove carbon dioxide from the air and store it in trees, roots, and soil, amounting to the absorption of 30 percent of man-made carbon dioxide emissions, a natural process that is significant in the fight to reverse the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, the industrial logging method of clear-cutting refers to the process of removing virtually all trees and vegetation on large tracts that are then cultivated with crop-like methodology, and the sediment treated with the repeated broad application of toxic herbicides used to prevent other tree and plant species from growing; and

WHEREAS, because of clear-cutting, the destruction of trees releases much of their stored carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere, the herbicides and treated sediment involved risks contamination of our water supply, and perpetuates the risks of a drier climate, such as drought, and wildfires; 

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 any administrative or legislative action which would prohibit the practice of industrial clear-cutting in the forests of California, and would require forest management methods that maximize carbon sequestration and forest health.

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