

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 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, with no public banking options, many local governments in California hold their assets with large out-of-state commercial banks; and

WHEREAS, these private banks often charge excessive fees and have little incentive to invest the bank's assets into California communities; and

WHEREAS, many of these private commercial banks engage in practices inconsistent with the values of California communities, such as predatory lending, funding private prisons, and supporting the extraction of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California State Assembly is AB 857 (Chiu & Santiago), the Public Banking Act, which would allow a local government to apply for a banking charter from the State Department of Business Oversight to establish a public bank; and

WHEREAS, public banks can invest, lend, and provide banking services to the local community and leverage their assets back into the community; and

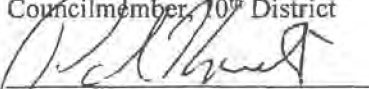
WHEREAS, instead of prioritizing shareholder returns, public banks will prioritize community returns such as affordable housing, equitable small business loans, and public infrastructure projects;

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 AB 857 (Chiu & Santiago), which would permit a local government to apply for a banking charter to establish a public bank.

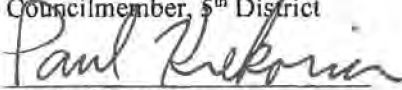
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