

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 must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, chlorpyrifos is a pesticide that has been used for both agricultural and non-agricultural uses since 1965; and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have indicated that chlorpyrifos exposure is associated with neurodevelopmental harm in children, including delays in mental and psychomotor development, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and reductions in working memory, perceptual reasoning, processing speed, and verbal comprehension; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Food Quality Protection Act established a more stringent safety standard to be especially protective of children, and, in response, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) restricted most household uses and some agricultural uses of chlorpyrifos in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the EPA announced plans to ban the use of chlorpyrifos in food in 2015 and EPA scientists proposed a federal ban in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the EPA reversed the 2015 decision to ban the use of the pesticide in food and rejected the proposed federal ban; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 458 (Durazo), which would make it unlawful to use a pesticide containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos in California, is currently pending before the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support SB 458 (Durazo) to ensure the health and safety of children living, going to school, and playing in Los Angeles;

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 SB 458 (Durazo), the Protect Children from Brain-Damaging Chlorpyrifos Act of 2019, which would prohibit the use of a pesticide that contains the active ingredient chlorpyrifos.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 

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