

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, in 2015, the City of Los Angeles rolled out its Vision Zero Initiative, with the goal of reducing traffic fatalities by 20 percent by 2017, and eventually eliminating traffic deaths; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is intended to make the streets safe for all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, despite the resources allocated to Vision Zero, traffic deaths have remained high, with 244 people killed on City streets in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a significant contributor to fatal traffic collisions is distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, enforcement is a key tool in reducing traffic fatalities, and the Police Department (LAPD) allocates significant resources to traffic enforcement; and


WHEREAS, felony hit-and-run crimes have increased, despite a homicide rate that is the lowest since 1962; and

WHEREAS, in addition to General Fund revenues, the LAPD also uses grant funds, such as the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant for traffic enforcement; and


WHEREAS, in 2019 the City was awarded \$5M in STEP funds, but more funds could be used to help increase traffic enforcement in order to make the streets safer for residents and visitors;

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 and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation or administrative action which would increase the State's allocation of grant funds for traffic enforcement in order to reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and fatalities.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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