

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, the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a health and financial crisis in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, local and state government economies have suffered as they have had to allocate hundreds of millions of dollars in emergency funding to maintain the health and safety of residents while also experiencing immediate losses to revenue as a result of stay-at-home orders and the closure of non-essential businesses, potentially in the hundreds of millions; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has passed an economic stimulus bill and is currently considering additional measures to help individuals and small businesses financially recover from the economic slowdown, however, local and state governments are also in need of further financial assistance to avoid: public sector layoffs, reduction of vital public services, the slowdown of infrastructure projects meant to improve the health and safety of local residents, and the weakening of local and state government financial reserves; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020 the State of California adopted several measures aimed at providing billions of dollars in relief and essential services, including the passage of SB 89, which provides 1 billion dollars to be expended by Governor Newsom's Administration; the State will need much more federal assistance as the loss of revenue due to a changing economy, impacted by the escalating costs of public health needs and increased demand in social services such as unemployment insurance; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Proposed 2020-21 Budget predicts impacts to various economically sensitive tax sources should nationwide unemployment continue to rise, the stay-at-home orders be extended, or any shift occur that would affect the health and safety of residents, most categories of revenue could be negatively affected; and

WHEREAS, in this current fiscal year and continuing into 2020-21, the City, County and State will spend billions of dollars on COVID-19 related expenses, including, but not limited to: maintaining public institutions such as universities and schools; ensuring essential services to at-risk populations such as meals for seniors, families and immunocompromised residents while maintaining homeless services and housing; expanding COVID-19 testing and public health programs; economic development programs to help individuals and small businesses; and there is a possibility that the costs will continue to rise, with no guarantee as of now that the City, County or State will be reimbursed for its loss of expenditures and/or revenues; and

WHEREAS, as Congress discusses future economic stimulus bills, assistance to local and state governments should be a priority so that the health and safety of residents will not be compromised and City leaders can continue to serve constituents and local businesses with financial and health needs that may arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of an economic stimulus bill and/or any administrative action that would assist local and state governments in economic recovery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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