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

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the constitutional duty and responsibility to pass annual appropriations bills or, at the very least, a continuing resolution to fund federal government operations for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently debating various provisions that could be included or excluded from that federal funding measure; and

WHEREAS, a tea party led group has made an ancillary issue unrelated to the annual funding bill a condition of passage of the annual funding bill; and

WHEREAS, when the annual funding bills are made conditioned on the passage of unrelated issues, the democratic process as envisioned by the U.S. Constitution is thwarted and the interests of the many are held hostage by the desires of the few; and

WHEREAS, the position of Los Angeles in opposition to the conditioning of the federal budget on ancillary issues is not related to the substance of those issues, just as the ancillary issue of defunding or repealing a law passed two years ago about healthcare is an ancillary issue, so too would conditioning the annual budget on issues such as gun control or issues favored by groups who hold different ideology; and

WHEREAS, there is an appropriate forum for debating ancillary issues such as the repeal or reform of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, a small group of Congressmembers continue to insist on conditioning issues unrelated to the annual funding measure into the budget debate, many federal offices and services have been fully or partially shut down, halting a wide variety of public services, including the closure of all national parks; ending federal monitoring of futures markets, the electric grid, the telecommunications industry, and employee occupational safety (OSHA); furloughing an estimated 400,000 civilian military employees; and severely limiting the services provided by over 100 federal agencies and impacting millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, their actions are causing financial and real pain to Angelenos both directly and indirectly; and

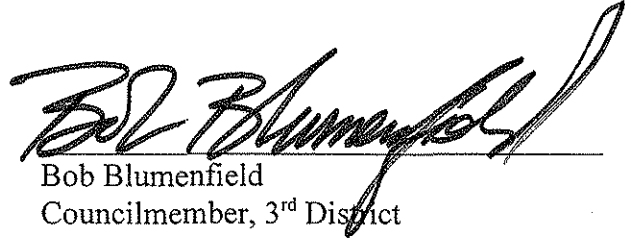
WHEREAS, Congress needs to focus on the passage of a 'clean' continuing resolution, leaving debate on unrelated matters to another forum; and



WHEREAS, inserting unrelated issues into the budget negotiations is harmful, so to would any attempt to condition unrelated issues on the passage of increases to the debt ceiling.

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 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislation that will enact a clean comprehensive appropriations package for the federal fiscal year for 2014 that will result in restoring all federal public services currently closed, suspended, or otherwise impacted by the federal government shutdown, and would eliminate all provisions aimed at dismantling the Affordable Healthcare Act.

PRESENTED BY:



Bob Blumenfeld
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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