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December 20, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

**Chief Legislative Analyst**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under  
Council File No. 13-0002-S136, at its meeting held December 11, 2013.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S136

COUNCIL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE December 11, 2013

RE: CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF TRANS FATS

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT DEC 23 2013  
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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APPROVED  
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\*DISAPPROVED  
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\*Transmit objections in writing  
pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 12/17/13

E. G. [Signature]  
MAYOR

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RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support the reduction or elimination of Trans Fats.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (O'Farrell - Koretz), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of the Federal Food and Drug Administration administrative action to reduce or eliminate Trans Fats.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its special meeting of December 6, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (O'Farrell - Koretz) relative to the City's position to support administrative action to reduce or eliminate trans fats in processed foods. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides additional background information.

After consideration and providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES

**ADOPTED**  
 DEC 11 2013  
 LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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13-0002-S/36

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS NOV 08 2013

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, the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has tentatively determined that partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), which are the primary dietary source of industrially-produced "trans" fatty acids, or "trans" fats, are not generally recognized as safe for any use in food, based on current scientific evidence; and

WHEREAS, the FDA's preliminary determination is based on scientific evidence and the findings of expert scientific panels who have established the health risks associated with "trans" fats; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has opened a 60-day comment period on this preliminary determination to collect additional data and to gain input on the time potentially needed by food manufacturers to reformulate products that currently contain artificial "trans" fat should this determination be finalized; and

WHEREAS, according the FDA, consumption of "trans" fat raises low-density lipoprotein (LDL), also known as "bad" cholesterol, which increases the risk of coronary heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) has concluded that "trans" fat provides no known health benefits and that there is no safe level of consumption of artificial "trans" fats; and

WHEREAS, while in recent years many food manufacturers and retailers have voluntarily decreased "trans" fat levels in many foods and products, "trans" fats may still be found in processed foods, such as certain desserts, microwave popcorn, frozen pizzas, margarines and coffee creamers; and

WHEREAS, regulating food production and food content by limit ingredients that have no health benefits for our children and families should be a priority for the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, support of the FDA's rule change relative to reducing "trans" fat consumption would be consistent with the City's prior efforts to promote healthy foods and healthier eating habits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT of the Federal Food and Drug Administration administrative action to reduce or eliminate "trans" fats in processed foods.

ADOPTED

DEC 11 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

PRESENTED BY

*Mitch O'Farrell*

MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY

*Paul Krup*

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