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RESOLUTION

RULE, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, existing law makes it a crime for the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to a person other than himself or herself, or in the death of a person, to leave the scene of the accident; and

WHEREAS, existing law states that if a motorist is not identified within three years of a hit-and-run accident, the motorist cannot be prosecuted; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Assembly, is a bill, AB 184 (Gatto) that addresses the statute of limitations relative to hit-and-run accidents; and

WHEREAS, AB 184 would provide that, notwithstanding any other limitation of time specified, if a person flees the scene of an accident that has caused permanent, serious injury or flees the scene of an accident and is charged with specified types of vehicular manslaughter, charges may be brought either one or three years after the completion of the offense, as specified, or one year after the person is initially identified as a suspect in the commission of the offense, whichever is later; and

WHEREAS, State data show that 4,000 hit-and-run incidents a year in Los Angeles lead to injury and death; and

WHEREAS, most of the motorists that are involved in hit-and-run accidents are never prosecuted, in part, because of the statute of limitations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support AB 184 because it would help curb the epidemic of hit-and-run offenses in Southern California;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 184 (Gatto) "Statute of Limitations" that would extend the statute of limitations for hit-and-run offenses.

PRESENTED BY: 
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JOE BUSCAINO
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SECONDED BY: 

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