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March 19, 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-S2, at its meeting held March 5, 2013.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S2

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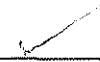
COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MARCH 5, 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT SENATOR BOXER'S LINE ACT WHICH WOULD SET MINIMUM STANDARDS AT POLLING PLACES

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAR 18 2013
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** Committee

reports as follows:

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support Senator Boxer's LINE Act which would set minimum standards at polling places.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz – Rosendahl), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of S.58, Senator Boxer's LINE Act, which would set minimum standards at polling places and ensure that nobody has to wait in line over an hour to cast a vote.

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: Yes.
For Proposal: Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At its special meeting of February 22, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Koretz – Rosendahl) relative to the City's position to support Senator Boxer's LINE Act, which would set minimum standards at polling places. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES

ADOPTED

MAR 05 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the hallmark of this nation's democracy is the ability for its citizens to vote for its representatives and to take part in elections by freely going to their polling places to cast their votes without any undue obstacles; and

WHEREAS, on November 6th of this year, as the country came together as it does every four years to elect the next President of the United States, there were several reports of people in different parts of the country having to wait up to six or seven hours in line before they were able to cast their vote on a ballot; and

WHEREAS, there were additional reports of malfunctioning electronic poll books and voting machines, and many polling places reported that they lacked the staff and resources necessary to deal with the volume of voters that came to cast votes; and

WHEREAS, no person should have to wait in line for seven hours just to cast his or her vote in a presidential election, and extremely long lines can in some cases be tantamount to denying people the ability to vote in the first place; and

WHEREAS, California Senator Barbara Boxer has stated that she has introduced legislation, known as the Line Act, that would set minimum standards at polling places in the country to ensure that nobody has to wait in line for more than an hour, and additionally requires those places that experienced long lines during the November 6th election to implement remedial plans to fix their problems before the next federal election; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would ensure the ability of citizens to vote without needing to face undue hardships or hours of time just standing in line waiting to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that with the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of Senator Boxer's Line Act, which would set minimum standards at polling places and ensure that nobody has to wait in line over an hour to cast a vote.


ADOPTED

MAR 05 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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PRESENTED BY:


Paul Koretz
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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