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

WHEREAS, currently pending before the United States House of Representatives is a bill, H.R. 499, introduced on February 5, 2013 by Congressman Jared Polis, "The Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2013, which would decriminalize marijuana at the Federal level and leave to the States a power to regulate marijuana that is similar to the power they have to regulate alcohol; and

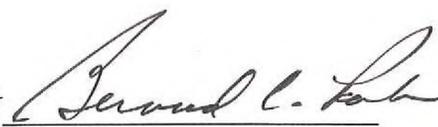
WHEREAS, H.R. 499 would amend section 102(44) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(44)) by striking "marijuana," thereby modifying the definition of a "Felony Drug Offense"; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 499 would transfer jurisdiction over marijuana from the Drug Enforcement Administration to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, resulting in the redesignation and renaming of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to the "Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Firearms, and Explosives;" and

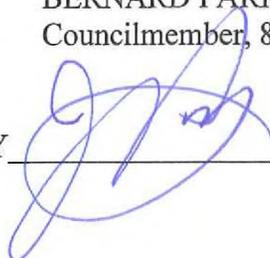
WHEREAS, within 60 days of its enactment, H.R. 499 would require the Attorney General to issue a final order to remove marijuana in any form from all schedules under section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), which would contradict its previous classification as a schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act based on its high potential for abuse, addictive properties, and historical link to narcotics, with marijuana acting as a "gateway drug";

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 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program opposition to H.R. 499, "The Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2013," which would decriminalize marijuana at the Federal level and leave to the States a power to regulate marijuana that is similar to the power they have to regulate alcohol.

PRESENTED BY


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