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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 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 use of lead ammunition by hunters in California is contaminating the environment with lead toxins and leading to the death of various species of wildlife, particularly scavengers that feed on the animal remains left from hunters; and

WHEREAS, lead is a neurotoxin and a lingering source of pollution in the environment that has compromised the efforts of various environmental organizations to restore endangered wildlife in California, including condors, bald eagles, golden eagles, and turkey vultures; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly is a bill, AB 711, introduced by Assembly Member Anthony Rendon, which would ban the use of lead ammunition in California and help prevent lead toxins from poisoning scavengers that feed on the animal remains left by hunters; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires that non-lead ammunition, as determined by the Fish and Game Commission, be used when taking big game such as deer and coyote with a rifle or pistol, and requires the commission to provide hunters in specified deer-hunting zones with non-lead ammunition at no or reduced charge, to the extent that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, AB 711 would revise existing law to require the use of non-lead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife, including game mammals, game birds, non-game birds, and non-game mammals, with any firearm; and

WHEREAS, AB 711 is supported by three major environmental groups, namely the Defenders of Wildlife, Audubon California, and the Humane Society of the United States;

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 State Legislative Program support for AB 711, which would ban the use of lead ammunition in California and help prevent lead toxins from poisoning scavengers that feed on the animal remains left by hunters.

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PRESENTED BY *Paul Koretz*  
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY *[Signature]*

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