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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

WHEREAS, according to a 2010 study by the Southern Medical Association, a gun in the home is 12 times more likely to result in the death of a household member or a friendly visitor than an intruder; and

WHEREAS, such studies and statistics make it is clear that public safety would increase by reducing the number of guns in and around the home; and

WHEREAS, gun buyback programs provide further incentive for reducing the number of firearms in circulation, which diminishes incidents of gun violence and gun fatalities; and

WHEREAS, from December 2012 to March of 2013, several gun buyback programs that have been initiated in California have run out of money either midway through the event or at the start. As a result firearm owners who might otherwise choose to relinquish their weapons might delay or forego participation, if there is no significant incentive; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in participation from local participants throughout California would result in an increase in gun circulation, contributing to a heightened risk of gun accidents, injuries or deaths; and

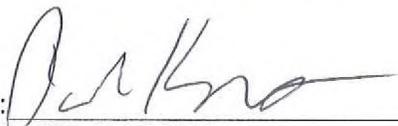
WHEREAS, to address the problems California jurisdictions have faced with gun buyback programs, Assembly Member Phil Ting introduced AB 232, pending before the State Assembly.

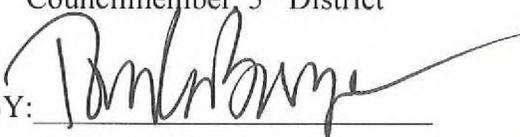
WHEREAS, AB 232 will provide a state tax credit of up to \$5,000 for participants in buyback programs. The amount of tax credit will correspond to the type of firearm(s) turned in. AB 232 will also provide a state tax credit of up to \$10,000 for sponsors of gun buyback programs.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has gone on record numerous times to voice its support for similar programs aimed at reducing gun violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with 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 SUPPORT for AB 232 (TING), which would provide up to a \$5,000.00 tax credit for participants in buyback programs depending on the type of gun turned in, as well as a \$10,000.00 tax credit for sponsors of buyback programs.


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