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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, California's international trade sector is a powerful economic engine and a vital component to the economic recovery of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Customs District, which includes the Port of Los Angeles, is the nation's largest with a two-way trade value of \$355 billion in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's number one container port, generates nearly three million jobs nationally, one million jobs throughout California, 830,000 jobs throughout the Southern California region, and \$30.7 billion in national, state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, California ports face increasing competition from other North American Ports, in particular those in Canada, Mexico, the Gulf Coast, and the East Coast as these regions aggressively pursue California's market share once the widened Panama Canal becomes operational in 2014; and

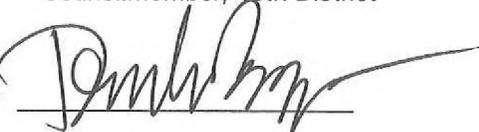
WHEREAS, these other ports are investing billions of dollars in capital improvement programs and have powerful tax credit incentives in place to attract trade; and

WHEREAS, California's international gateways must remain competitive in order to grow the economy and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Senator Curren Price (D-CA) has introduced Senate Bill 810, which helps protect and grow this vitally important international trade sector and creates jobs for the people of California by providing tax incentives for boosting exports and imports through California's seaports while advancing President Obama's National Export Initiative to double U.S. exports over the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 810 (Price), which creates jobs for Californians and enhances the competitiveness of the largest customs district in the country, Los Angeles.

Presented by 
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

Seconded by 

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