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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, individuals who run red lights pose a threat to the safety of other motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, current law allows local jurisdictions to utilize automated traffic enforcement systems, commonly referred to as red light cameras, to enforce traffic laws in order to cite individuals who are photographed running red lights; and

WHEREAS, these cameras have been a useful in efforts to deter individuals from running red lights or otherwise driving in an unsafe manner; and

WHEREAS, while these cameras have been effective, some owners of cars cited via red light cameras avoid paying a fine by claiming they were not operating their vehicle during the violation; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals cited for a violation recorded by a red light camera ignore or challenge the tickets in court, making these infractions more difficult to enforce; and

WHEREAS, AB 666 (Wieckowski) would require the registered owner of a vehicle to pay the citation regardless of any claims that they were not operating the vehicle, unless they can identify the individual responsible for the violation; and

WHEREAS, AB 666 would also amend the current law to make a citation resulting from a red light camera a civil violation, thereby reducing the fine and subjecting these violations to administrative appeal in order to reduce the amount of contested violations;

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 666, which amends current law to require the registered owner of a car claiming innocence for a violation captured by a red light camera to pay the citation if they cannot identify the actual person responsible, and makes infractions recorded by a red light camera a civil penalty.

PRESENTED BY Bernard C. Parks
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Councilmember, 8th District

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