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RESOLUTION

APR 30 2013

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, while unemployment has improved within the past year, it is still strangling our economy; approximately 40 percent of jobless Americans--who lost their jobs through no fault of their own--have been out of work for six months or longer, and the longer they wait, the harder it is for them to find jobs; and

WHEREAS, we also have an infrastructure crisis; there are 69,223 bridges that have been classified as structurally deficient by the Federal Highway Administration; leaving these bridges in their current state of disrepair poses a grave threat not only to our safety, but also to our economy; and

WHEREAS, our aging transportation infrastructure costs American businesses and families about \$130 billion a year and if we don't act now, it could cost America hundreds of billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs by the end of the decade; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that our crumbling infrastructure threatens our competitive edge in the world economy; if nothing is done to improve our infrastructure, U.S. businesses would pay an added \$430 billion in transportation costs, household incomes would fall by more than \$7,000, and U.S. exports will fall by \$28 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is a bill, HR 1419 (Hahn) the Bridge to Jobs Act, which would provide states with grants to put Americans back to work by repairing crumbling bridges; and

WHEREAS, not only will this legislation put Americans back to work and bolster our ailing economy, it will also ensure the safety of the millions who use these bridges each and every day;

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 and 2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 1419 (Hahn), the Bridge to Jobs Act, which would provide states with grants to put Americans back to work by repairing crumbling bridges.

PRESENTED BY: 
TOM LABONGE
Councilman, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 



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