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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, high capacity magazines, those designed to hold more than ten rounds of ammunition, have been used in numerous instances of violence, from the 1997 North Hollywood shootout to the tragic mass murder at Sandy Hook Elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, California has recognized the threat posed to the community by these high capacity magazines, and has prohibited the manufacture, sale, transfer, or importation of these devices; and

WHEREAS, while the State strongly regulates the sale and use of high capacity magazines, possession of these devices is currently not prohibited under law; and

WHEREAS, the continued presence of high capacity magazines in the state pose a significant challenge to the safety and security of the public; and

WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles has consistently supported legislation to curtail access to these devices, and has recently undertaken efforts to ban the possession of high capacity magazines within the City (Council File 13-0068); and

WHEREAS, SB 396 (Hancock) would amend the current law to prohibit the possession of high capacity magazines in California, no matter how they were acquired; and


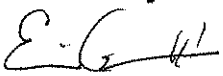
WHEREAS, SB 396 would assist in removing the threat to safety that these devices pose to the public by prohibiting the possession of high capacity magazines;

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 SB 396, which amends California law to prohibit the possession of high capacity ammunition magazines, defined as an ammunition feeding device capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

PRESENTED BY 

PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District



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