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RESOLUTION

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, guns and gun violence pose a significant threat to the safety and security of the public; and

WHEREAS, assault rifles in particular are a threat to the community, as these types of weapons have been used to perpetrate mass murders such as the Aurora, Colorado and Newton, Connecticut shootings; and

WHEREAS, California has historically taken the lead in gun control, including enacting legislation that established an effective assault weapons ban; and

WHEREAS, California's Assault Weapons Ban, while one of the strictest in the United States, has loopholes that are currently being exploited by weapons manufacturers, who make assault rifles that are technically legal in California, but are still as dangerous as weapons prohibited by California law; and

WHEREAS, The California Assault Weapons ban should be broadened to prohibit the manufacture, sale, transfer, or possession of weapons designed to skirt regulation in the state; and

WHEREAS, SB 374 (Steinberg) would address flaws in the current legislation by amending the definition of "assault weapon" to include all semiautomatic rim-fire or center-fire rifles that do not have a fixed magazine that can accept ten or fewer rounds; and

WHEREAS, SB 374 would effectively eliminate the loopholes exploited by gun manufacturers to market and produce assault weapons in California, and ensure that the State remains at the forefront of gun control efforts;

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 374, which amends the California Assault Weapons Ban to prohibit the sale, purchase, manufacture, importation, or transfer in California of semi-automatic rifles that can accept detachable magazines.

PRESENTED BY

PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY

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