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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, human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world, and the United States is one of the top three destination points for trafficking victims; and

WHEREAS, many of the victims of human trafficking in the United States end up in California, with Los Angeles being one of the major points of entry for victims of trafficking; and

WHEREAS, California takes the threat of human trafficking seriously, and has formed regional task forces across the state to combat this criminal activity and prosecute those responsible; and

WHEREAS, California law currently allows law enforcement agencies to obtain a court order to monitor electronic communications for drug trafficking and criminal gang activity, but not human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is undertaken by organized criminal groups, similar to drug trafficking, and expansion of authorities to intercept electronic and wire communication to include this activity would give law enforcement a valuable tool in ending human trafficking in the state; and

WHEREAS, AB 156 (Holden), recognizes the sophistication of human trafficking networks, and expands the provisions of California law governing wire taps and electronic communication intercepts to allow their use against suspected human traffickers;

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 156, which would expand the provisions under state law authorizing the interception of wire or electronic communications, to apply if a judge determines that there is probable cause that the suspect is involved in human trafficking.

PRESENTED BY Bernard C. Parks
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