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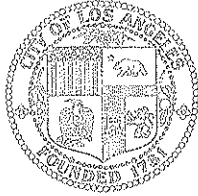
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March 11, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File
No. 13-0002-S22, at its meeting held February 20, 2013. The Mayor failed to act by
March 7, 2013, DEEMED APPROVED and EFFECTIVE March 8, 2013.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

MEMORANDUM

To: City Clerk

From: Gaye Williams, Chief of Staff

Date: March 8, 2013

RE: CF 13-0002-S22

The City's Position to Oppose Genetically Engineered Salmon

MEMO TO FILE

The Mayor supports the policy position reflected in the resolution approved by your Honorable Body on February 20, 2013. However, in the spirit of upholding the City Charter – approved by the voters of Los Angeles – which delegates intergovernmental relations authority to the Executive Branch with the sole exception of positions on “legislation proposed to or pending before the state or federal government,” the Mayor is returning this file without signature, with the understanding that this item will be considered deemed approved.

BY
CITY CLERK
DEPUTY

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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S22

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE FEBRUARY 20, 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO OPPOSE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED SALMON

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAR 07 2013
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR MAYOR USE ONLY

APPROVED

*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing
pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL _____

MAYOR



Council Action

The City Council ADOPTED the following recommendation(s), contained in a COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST which was WAIVED, pursuant to Council Rule 17, by the Chair of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any action by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve genetically engineered salmon and SUPPORT for any legislation which would prohibit the FDA from such an approval.

Council File No. 13-0002-S22

ADOPTED

FEB 20 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR WITH FILE

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

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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, despite overwhelming opposition from citizens and public interest groups to genetically engineered (GE) food, including 400,000 public comments opposing GE salmon, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced December 26, 2012 that it is prepared to give transgenic salmon its final stamp of approval; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has not conducted any safety testing and has generally neglected to adequately address serious concerns about the safety of consuming salmon that has been genetically engineered to produce growth hormones at all times, allowing it to grow faster and bigger than natural salmon; and

WHEREAS, scientists have predicted that the introduction of GE salmon into populations of native salmon could have severely detrimental ecological and economic impacts on coastal communities whose livelihood depends heavily on fishing, including the devastation of populations of native salmon, as well as other fish and marine mammals that feed on native salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of Alaska, the FDA will not require GE salmon to be labeled as GE, which presents religious observance concerns for Jews and Muslims, due to use of pout fish genes - which is a type of eel; and

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted a Resolution (Koretz - Englander) to include in its 2011-2012 State Legislative Program support for Proposition 37, the California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act, which would have mandated the disclosure of genetically engineered foods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program opposition to any action by the Food and Drug Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon and support for any legislation which would prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from such an approval.

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PRESENTED BY

Paul Koretz
PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY

Bill Russell

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FEB 1 2013

ADOPTED

as amended

FEB 20 2013

see attached Cal. Action
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR WITH FILE

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH