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June 14, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

Chief Legislative Analyst

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-0002-S41, at its meeting held May 28, 2013. The Mayor failed to act by June 10, 2013, DEEMED APPROVED and EFFECTIVE June 11, 2013.


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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

MEMORANDUM

To: City Clerk

From: Matt Szabo, Deputy Chief of Staff

Date: June 11, 2013

RE: CF 13-0002-S41

The City's position to oppose Section 735 of H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs, and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013

MEMO TO FILE

The Mayor supports the policy position reflected in the resolution approved by your Honorable Body on May 28, 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.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S41

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MAY 28, 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO OPPOSE SECTION 735 OF H.R. 933, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

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

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DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL _____

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

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** Committee

reports as follows:

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to oppose Section 735 of H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs, and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz - Huizar), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program, OPPOSITION to Section 735 of H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs, and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (also known as the Farmer Assurance Provision, or Monsanto Protection Act) and any similar legislation which would strip federal courts of their authority to halt the sale and planting of illegal and potentially hazardous genetically modified crops.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of May 17, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report dated April 12, 2013 and Resolution (Koretz - Huizar) relative to the City's position to oppose Section 735 of H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs, and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (also known as the Farmer Assurance Provision, or Monsanto Protection Act) and any similar legislation which would strip federal courts of their authority to halt the sale and planting of illegal and potentially hazardous genetically modified crops.. The CLA report, attached to Council File No. 13-0002-S41, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
WESSON: YES
LABONGE: ABSENT
HUIZAR: YES

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ADOPTED

MAY 28 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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13-0002-541

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, currently pending before the United States Senate is the Senate Continuing Resolution spending bill, which contains a "Farmer Assurance Provision" (Sec. 735), also known as the "Monsanto Protection Act," which would strip federal courts of their authority to halt the sale and planting of illegal and potentially hazardous genetically modified (GMO) crops; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the "Monsanto Protection Act" would mandate the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow continued planting of any GMO crop currently under court review for their potentially hazardous effects to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, according to various legal experts the "Monsanto Protection Act" would create a precedent-setting limitation on judicial review and is a dangerous assault on fundamental federal and judicial safeguards; and

WHEREAS, it is widely believed that the "Monsanto Protection Act" is a response to recent successful lawsuits filed by various farmers to prevent the sale, distribution and cultivation of GMO sugarbeets and GMO alfalfa, which led to a court mandate that prevented further planting while the USDA finalized full environment reviews; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the Monsanto Protection Act would eliminate federal agency oversight to protect farmers, consumers and the environment from potential harms caused by unapproved biotech crops;

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 Section 735 of HR 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs, and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, also known as the Famer Assurance Provision or the Monsanto Protection Act, and any similar legislation which would strip federal courts of their authority to halt the sale and planting of illegal and potentially hazardous genetically modified crops.

ADOPTED


MAY 28 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

PRESENTED BY Paul Koretz
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY Joe Huizar

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