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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, the poverty rate in Los Angeles is higher than any other major American City; and

WHEREAS, several programs combating poverty in Los Angeles are funded through the Consolidated Plan, which includes Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is limited in the amount of public service money it can use each year in the Consolidated Plan, due to a 15% public service cap; and

WHEREAS, other major urban cities, including Chicago, Seattle, Baltimore, Cleveland, and Boston are not subject to a public service cap and are able to spend the CDBG dollars where they are needed most; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has for several years funded Community Based Development Organizations (CBDO) through the Consolidated Plan, including FamilySource Centers, Summer Night Lights, and Clean and Green programs; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Urban Development Department recently issued a letter to the City of Los Angeles to change its regulations of CBDOs, resulting in many of the programs no longer being able to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City rely on these CBDOs and the CDBG money to receive many critical public services including domestic violence counseling, gang intervention, and trash and graffiti removal; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would halt much needed services and would be detrimental to tens of thousands of residents throughout the city who are serviced by the impacted non-profits; and

WHEREAS, the federal government could remove the public service cap for Los Angeles' Consolidated Plan so that these vital services are not lost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles goes on record in SUPPORT of any Congressional action that would eliminate the public service cap for the City of Los Angeles' Consolidated Plan.

PRESENTED BY: 

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 

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