

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, violent extremists - individuals who support or commit ideologically motivated violence to further their political goals - continue to support and engage in violence against Americans; and

WHEREAS, in August 2011, the Obama administration adopted a grassroots strategy for countering violent extremism (CVE), based on positive engagement with the community and working closely with local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, this strategy, outlined in a document entitled *Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States*, utilizes various federal resources to strengthen local agencies and work with communities; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department (LAPD) has followed the federal government's example and has made countering violent extremism (CVE) through engagement with the community a top priority; and

WHEREAS, LAPD is at the forefront of the federal government's community engagement strategy, and has benefited from federal support of its efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support these efforts, as they promote a sense of community while protecting the rights of American citizens and promoting security;

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 2015 - 2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the federal government's countering violent extremism (CVE) program, which is based on a grassroots strategy with a significant focus on cooperation and coordination with local law enforcement and community groups, including support for any grant programs, training, and legislative efforts that are parts of the CVE program.