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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, identity theft is a serious crime that has become more pervasive in recent years; and

WHEREAS, children are tempting targets for identity thieves, because they typically have no credit information associated with their social security numbers; and

WHEREAS, a recent study on identity theft found that a significant percentage of children have had their identities stolen; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County recently conducted credit checks on a group of foster children in its care, and found that 5% of those checked were victims of identity theft; and

WHEREAS, foster children are uniquely vulnerable to identity theft, as their personal information is more exposed to thieves than most other children as they move through the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, AB 1658 (Jones-Sawyer) seeks to protect foster children by requiring consumer credit reporting agencies to place a security hold on credit reports of foster children under 17; and

WHEREAS, AB 1658 would make it more difficult to steal the identities of children in foster care by extending credit protection to them;

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 1658, which would protect foster children against the fraudulent use of their identities by requiring consumer credit reporting agencies to place a security freeze on credit reports of foster children under the age of 17.

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