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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 government 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, existing California law requires that by July 1, 2014, the minimum wage for all industries be \$9 per hour; and

WHEREAS, existing California law also requires that by January 1, 2016, the minimum wage be raised to \$10 per hour; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2014, Senator Mark Leno introduced Senate Bill (SB) 935 to help lift Californians out of poverty by further raising the state's minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, SB 935 would increase the minimum wage to \$11 per hour by January 1, 2015, \$12 per hour by January 1, 2016 and \$13 per hour by January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SB 935 would further increase the minimum wage annually thereafter based on the California Consumer Price Index and would prohibit the Industrial Welfare Commission from adjusting the minimum wage downward if the average percentage of inflation for the previous year was negative; and

WHEREAS, according to the State's Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), the already-scheduled increase to \$10 per hour by January 1, 2016 would raise California's minimum wage to a level higher than any current statewide minimum wage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has the highest minimum wage at \$9.32 per hour- a minimum wage level that increases yearly based on inflation; and

WHEREAS, the LAO estimates that approximately 50 percent of California's workers are paid on an hourly basis with less than 50 percent of such workers earning less than \$12 per hour; and

WHEREAS, according to the LAO, hourly workers earning less than \$12 per hour, tend to be concentrated in service-oriented industries such as educational and health services, leisure and hospitality, and wholesale and retail trade; and

WHEREAS, an increase in minimum wage would benefit low-wage workers and businesses throughout California due to a possible increase in consumer spending; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support legislation that reduces income inequality for its residents and stimulates economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT of Senate Bill 935 (Leno) which would increase the California minimum wage to \$11 per hour by January 1, 2015, \$12 per hour by January 1, 2016 and \$13 per hour by January 1, 2017.

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PRESENTED BY   
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