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RESOLUTION

RULES, ACTIONS & 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, a British company developing a pharmaceutical version of a cannabis extract used to treat epilepsy could be allowed to test its product at UCLA as part of the Food and Drug Administration approval process; and

WHEREAS, United Kingdom-based GW Pharmaceuticals received the approval to continue with clinical trials for their product Epidiolex in February and UCLA wants to be on the list of test sites; and

WHEREAS, the pharmaceutical company is willing to sponsor a small series of patients at half a dozen centers, but they are waiting for clearance by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and

WHEREAS, Epidiolex will use high concentrations of cannabidiol, a compound found in marijuana, to try to reduce seizures for patients with severe epilepsy, namely children with Dravet's syndrome or Lennox-Gastaut syndrome; and

WHEREAS, as a participant, UCLA would treat a small number of patients with Epidiolex and record the results; if the data from UCLA and other test sites is encouraging, GW Pharmaceuticals will move onto the next step in the FDA approval process; and

WHEREAS, UCLA's research center will have to pass an inspection from the Drug Enforcement Administration because of the federal government's classification of marijuana as a Schedule I drug; and

WHEREAS, some parents in states with medical marijuana programs have found success using existing products found in dispensaries; and

WHEREAS, this would be the first time that the correct approach is being followed, especially through the federal government, to declare a marijuana derived substances as legitimate medicine;

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 Federal Legislative Program support for any administrative action which would have the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) support pending research to develop a pharmaceutical version of a cannabis extract used to treat epilepsy and to select UCLA as one of the permitted sites to test this product.

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SECONDED BY: Paul Krejci

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