

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, one-fourth of California's children are living in poverty, the highest in the nation, which is why the Assembly Democratic Caucus prioritized reducing child poverty in its 2014-2015 Blueprint for a Responsible Budget; and

WHEREAS, Cradle to Career Initiatives (CCIs) are a key strategy in combating child poverty; and

WHEREAS, community schools and promise neighborhoods are just two examples of CCIs that have the potential to transform California's distressed communities into healthy communities; and


WHEREAS, by addressing the complex interconnected impacts of poverty, CCIs are able to break the cycle of generational poverty; and

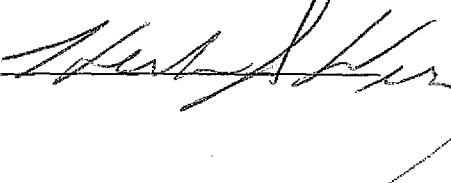
WHEREAS, in the Harlem Children's Zone, a prime example of a CCI, wraparound services have resulted in improved school readiness, fewer missed days of school and emergency room visits, and impressive rates of high school graduation and enrollment in college; and

WHEREAS, CCIs have gained traction in California, but they require significant coordination and are unfunded; and

WHEREAS, AB 2555 (Bocanegra) sets the path for expanding CCIs throughout California;

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 2555 (Bocanegra), which would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in conjunction with specified entities, to develop a report exploring the feasibility of expanding Cradle to Career Initiatives (CCIs), such as community schools and promise neighborhoods, in California.

PRESENTED BY:  For  
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SECONDED BY: 

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