

**MOTION**

**I MOVE** that the matter of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Report and Resolution relative to establishing the City's position regarding legislation or administrative action to improve the State civics education curriculum, Item No. 12 on today's Council Agenda (Council File No. 14-0002-S96), be amended to adopt the attached Resolution in lieu of the Resolution attached to the file.

**PRESENTED BY:**   
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## 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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California Task Force on K-12 Civic Learning recently released a report urging a new approach to civics learning which it asserts should cultivate qualities that will enable all students to mature and participate in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the task force seeks to rewrite the State's 15-year old standards to incorporate civics learning in every grade, to involve students in school governance and decision-making, and to include governments, businesses, the courts and nonprofit organizations to create opportunities that will help build interest in government and community issues; and

WHEREAS, civics education is essential in these times of political polarization, distrust in the political process, and dramatic shifts in the source of news and information concerning local, state, national, and international news, events, and issues;

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 State Legislative Program support for or sponsorship of legislation or administrative action to revise the State civics education curriculum to ensure that civics learning content, concepts, and skills are provided at all appropriate grade levels and ensure that voter education information is included in the American government and civics curriculum at the high school level.

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