

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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock production with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that most of those antibiotics are used irresponsibly; and

WHEREAS, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for growth promotion and disease prevention to compensate for crowded, unsanitary conditions, in a practice known as “nontherapeutic use”; and

WHEREAS, “nontherapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail meat, farmers, farm workers and rural environments; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance in pathogens as the result of the “nontherapeutic use” of antibiotics in livestock production has been a public health concern since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria are the cause of several food borne illness outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant *Salmonella* in ground turkey which sickened 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one which led to the third largest meat recall in the USDA's records and a 2013 outbreak of antibiotic resistant *Salmonella* in chicken that sickened 416 people and hospitalized 162; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two million Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three thousand Americans die from those infections; and

WHEREAS, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistant infections in just one hospital, for one year, have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and

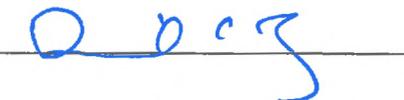
WHEREAS, Representative Louise Slaughter has introduced H.R. 1552, the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA), to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases by requiring approval for use of an animal drug, which is a medically important antimicrobial, to demonstrate that there is reasonable certainty of no harm to human health from antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug; and



WHEREAS, Senator Diane Feinstein has introduced S. 621, the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA), to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The bill instructs the Federal Drug and Food Administration to start the process of examining drug approvals, and defines a veterinarian client-patient relationship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2015-2016 Federal Legislative Program **SUPPORT** of H.R. 1552, the Protection of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA), and S. 621, the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA), which would preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases and to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention and control of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

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SECONDED BY: 

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