

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 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, the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as drones, has exploded in recent years across the United States; and

WHEREAS, as the use of drones has grown, so too have sightings of these devices flying over forest fires and near airports; and

WHEREAS, drones flying in these areas pose a serious threat to the safety of manned aircraft engaged in firefighting activities, or to aircraft attempting to land or take off from an airport; and

WHEREAS, a collision between a drone and a manned aircraft could have catastrophic results, and because of this, manned aircraft engaged in firefighting efforts have had to delay flying in areas until the drone left the airspace; and

WHEREAS, legislation is needed to address this growing problem; and

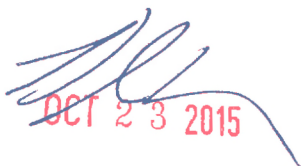
WHEREAS, S. 2157 (Boxer) would make it a misdemeanor to operate a drone near a forest fire, an airport, or near other restricted areas; and

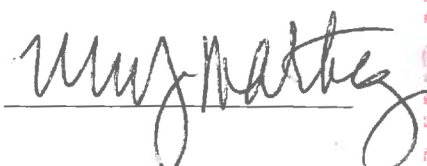
WHEREAS, S. 2157 is needed to ensure that the use of drones does not continue in areas where they pose a threat to manned aircraft;

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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 2157 (Boxer), the Safe Drone Act of 2015, which would make it a misdemeanor to operate a drone within two miles of a fire, airport or near other restricted airspace.

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