

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, the death of Justice Antonin Scalia on February 20, 2016 has created a vacancy on the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the discussion over filling the Supreme Court vacancy has shifted from the usual party disputes over a nominee's credentials to lawmakers and presidential candidates making the unprecedented demand that the seat should remain empty until the next President comes into office; and

WHEREAS, if the seat is left vacant, the Supreme Court would be left with eight justices for 11 months or more by the time the new President has been inaugurated; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court is in the middle of its term, and it is in the process of reviewing a number of high-profile cases on subjects like immigration reform, union dues, healthcare reform and abortion; and

WHEREAS, if the vote on a case ends in a four-to-four tie, the lower-court decision being reviewed continues to stand in the particular court's jurisdiction and has no binding effect on the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the President has indicated that he will nominate someone who has broad appeal to both political parties;

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 action by the President to appoint, and the U.S. Senate to confirm, a Supreme Court Justice as soon as possible.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District



SECONDED BY:

