

# RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, seniors represent the fastest-growing age group in the United States with over 1,000 individuals in California expected to reach age 65 every day during the next fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, while the health and independence of older Californians is a critical foundation to the future well-being of our State, increasing numbers of seniors are experiencing poverty and suffering from food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, nutritionally-insecure seniors are at greater risk of developing serious health conditions such as depression, heart attack, and congestive heart failure; and

WHEREAS, large reductions were made to nutrition programs during the recent economic downturn, including staff reductions, the establishment of waiting lists, and the closure of senior meal sites; and

WHEREAS, the Elder Economic Security Index which measures the true cost of living for a senior in California has determined that 36 percent of all Californians age 65 or older do not have sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently considering the 2016-17 Proposed State Budget, including a proposal to increase funding for senior nutrition programs by \$5.4 million; and

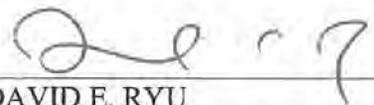
WHEREAS, providing \$5.4 million in additional funding for senior nutrition programs will allow an additional 730,000 meals to be provided annually and is expected to generate substantial savings in medical costs; and

WHEREAS, support for additional funding for senior nutrition programs is consistent with existing City programs which provide meals to vulnerable seniors who reside in the City of Los Angeles;

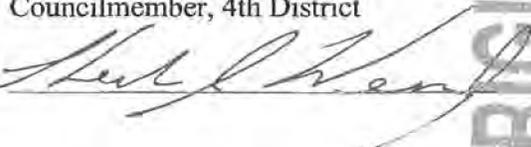
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would increase funding to senior nutrition programs by at least \$5.4 million, as defined in the Older Americans Act and the Older Californians Act.

  
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PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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