

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, under current law, California sentences numerous people convicted of first degree murder to death each year, even though the state rarely carries out executions; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, almost 1,000 people have been sentenced to death, but only 13 individuals have been executed, and the state has not carried out an execution in nearly 11 years; and

WHEREAS, the death penalty system has cost the taxpayers more than \$4 billion since 1978, nearly \$178 million a year, despite the fact that very few executions have been carried out; and

WHEREAS, the death penalty also carries the risk that the state could execute an innocent individual, despite the years of required appeals and multiple hearings that convicted individuals are entitled to; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 62, which will be on the November 2016 ballot, would end the death penalty in California, and replace death sentences with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole; and

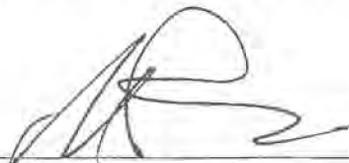
WHEREAS, Proposition 62 keeps violent criminals off of the streets for good, while saving the state a significant amount of money and eliminating the risk of executing an innocent person;

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 Proposition 62, the Justice that Works Act of 2016, which would repeal the death penalty in the state of California, and replace it with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

PRESENTED BY: _____


GILBERT A. CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: _____



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