

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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, in the past, some bystanders have been arrested by law enforcement officers for video recording police during use-of-force incidents; and

WHEREAS, video recordings by bystanders have previously exposed police brutality cases, and the recording of police officers should not be discouraged; and

WHEREAS, current California law allows for citizens to observe law enforcement officers when officers are performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, this right also includes the right to record or photograph law enforcement officers, as long as an individual is not interfering with a police officer's duties; and

WHEREAS, the right to record or photograph law enforcement officers who are carrying out their duties is not specifically stated in California law; and

WHEREAS, SB 411 (Lara) would clarify current law and specifically state that an individual has the right to record or photograph law enforcement officers performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, SB 411 ensures that Californians are able to exercise their clearly-stated rights, and removes any legal ambiguity when recording or photographing law enforcement officers;

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 SB 411 (Lara), which would recognize the existing right of Californians to record or photograph police officers as long as they are not interfering with a police officer's duties.

PRESENTED BY Bernard C. Parks
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Councilmember, 8th District

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