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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the dangers of smoking are widely-documented and have been established as a scientific fact; and

WHEREAS, California has long exhibited leadership on addressing the issue of reducing smoking rates by having some of the most wide-ranging anti-smoking laws in the nation; and

WHEREAS, while great progress has been made in reducing smoking rates statewide, more needs to be done to address this critical public health issue; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Legislature are various bills which address the use of tobacco cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, AB 48 (Stone) would prohibit a person or entity from selling or giving another person a cigarette utilizing a single-use filter; and

WHEREAS, SB 151 (Hernandez) would increase the minimum legal age to purchase or consume tobacco from 18 to 21; and

WHEREAS, these bills would help ensure the health of our residents, protect the health of young people, and ensure continued progress in our efforts to reduce the rates of tobacco-related deaths and disease statewide; and

WHEREAS, support of these bills is consistent with existing City policies and Ordinances to reduce the negative health effects of smoking;

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 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 48 (Stone) which would prohibit a person or entity from selling or giving another person a cigarette utilizing a single-use filter, and for SB 151 (Hernandez) which would increase the minimum legal age to purchase or consume tobacco from 18 to 21.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bernard C. Parks*  
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Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

*Paul Krutz*

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