

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 State Supplementary Payment program assists blind, disabled, and elderly individuals and supplements the federal Supplemental Security Income program; and

WHEREAS, State Supplementary Payment amounts are adjusted based on living arrangement, marital status, status as a minor, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the current State Supplementary Payment amount has not kept pace with the increased cost of living, including such items as housing, food, health care, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for the State Supplementary Payment was eliminated as part of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 State Budget; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who depend on this grant as a source of income cannot meet their basic needs and are forced to make painful decisions regarding which goods and services they should purchase; and

WHEREAS, before the Legislature is AB 474 (Brown and Thurmond), which would require that the maximum State Supplementary Payment amount for individuals be increased annually to ensure that the State Supplementary Payment and federal Supplemental Security Income payments equal 112 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, AB 474 will increase the ability of vulnerable residents in our communities to meet basic needs; and

WHEREAS, AB 474 is consistent with existing City policies and programs which assist elderly and/or disabled individuals;

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 474 (Brown and Thurmond) which would require that State Supplementary Payment amounts to elderly, blind, and/or disabled individuals to be readjusted and increased annually.

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