

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, Mayor Garcetti assembled the Seismic Safety Task Force, lead by Dr. Lucy Jones, to investigate the City's vulnerabilities in the event of a major earthquake and to recommend actions to create greater resilience in the face of a major disaster; and

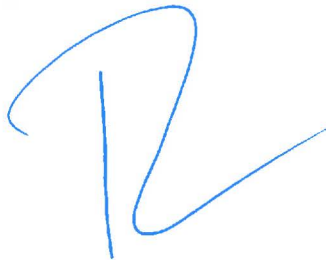
WHEREAS, the Task Force determined that significant efforts are needed to improve the safety of pre-1980 "non-ductile reinforced concrete" buildings, pre-1980 "soft-first-story" buildings, water system infrastructure (including impact on firefighting capability), and telecommunications infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these design elements of the City's built environment are not just concerns limited to the City of Los Angeles, but are prevalent throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it is important to create financial resources to improve the housing and infrastructure safety throughout the State, including cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the voters should be provided an opportunity to consider whether the State should use bond financing to help ensure greater safety across the State, knowing that the next big earthquake is coming;

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 SPONSORSHIP or SUPPORT for legislation seeking voter approval of a State ballot measure, at the next statewide election, to provide funding for seismic retrofit and safety programs for housing and infrastructure, including pre-1980 "non-ductile reinforced concrete" buildings, pre-1980 "soft-first-story" buildings, water system infrastructure (including impact on firefighting capability), and telecommunications infrastructure.



PRESENTED BY:



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