

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed 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 Legislature approved the Bobcat Protection Act of 2013 ("Act"), which was signed by the governor into law as Section 4155 to the Fish and Game Code and mandated that new regulations to enhance protections for bobcats in California be promulgated by the State Fish and Game Commission as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, bobcats are part of an ecosystem that helps to generate millions of dollars to California's economy and play an important role in regulating the population of rodents in California's deserts, forests, and grasslands, including in undeveloped areas within the city of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, current regulations place no limit on trapping of bobcats and allow for the commercial sale and export of bobcat pelts taken by hunters or trappers in California which can fetch from \$500 to \$1,000 apiece, and a rise in the demand for these pelts in China and other foreign markets has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of trappers taking bobcats as well as in the number of bobcats taken for commercial purposes in California, severely reducing their population; and

WHEREAS, up-to-date reliable population estimates do not exist for bobcats statewide in California and neither the Department of Fish and Wildlife nor the Fish and Game Commission possesses adequate data to determine a sustainable harvest limit for bobcats; and

WHEREAS, in August 2015 the Fish and Game Commission is considering regulatory option 2, to prohibit the commercial trapping of bobcats in the state of California which the City Council should support; and

NOW, BE IT HEREBY 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 of the California State Fish and Game Commission's option 2 to amend Sections 478 and 479, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to implementation of the Bobcat Protection Act of 2013, which would ban the trapping of bobcats in California for commercial purposes.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz  
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

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