

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, protecting the safety of the public and the members of law enforcement who are responsible for ensuring public safety is of the utmost importance to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 1985, Detective Thomas C. Williams was killed in a hail of gunfire, fired from an assault weapon, as he picked up his six-year-old son Ryan from his church school in Canoga Park; and

WHEREAS, Detective Williams's last action was to tell his son to duck, saving his life at the cost of his own; and

WHEREAS, Voltaire Williams was convicted of soliciting another individual to kill Detective Williams, in order to prevent Detective Williams from testifying in a pending robbery and attempted murder trial; and

WHEREAS, the murder of Detective Williams was carefully planned over several days and committed in retaliation against an officer who was performing his assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2015, a panel of the Board of Parole Hearings recommended that Williams be granted parole, subject to review by the full Board and then the governor; and

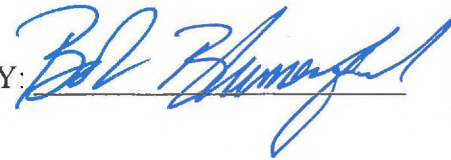
WHEREAS, the nature of Voltaire Williams's crime is especially heinous, and he should not be allowed to walk free ever again;

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 administrative action by the full Board of Parole Hearings and/or Governor Brown to reverse the decision to grant parole to Voltaire Williams.

PRESENTED BY: 
MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District

PRESENTED BY: 
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District


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SECONDED BY: 

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