

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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, improving the pedestrian experience on streets is a top priority for the City and promoting walkability and pedestrian safety is a key component of the City's Vision Zero Initiative and the Mobility Plan 2035; and

WHEREAS, in order to create an environment that supports safe pedestrian activity, the City is emphasizing improvements to encourage multi-modal transportation, such as complete streets strategies, including, leading pedestrian "head start" intersections, road diets, parklets, and pedestrian plazas; and

WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code Section 21456(b), also known as the "jaywalking law," states that a pedestrian who begins to cross against a flashing or steady "Don't Walk" or "Upraised Hand" symbol is a violation of the law and subject to a citation; and

WHEREAS, when CVC Section 21456(b) was enacted in 1981, countdown signals did not exist and most pedestrians remain unaware that it is illegal to enter the crosswalk during the countdown phase; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2016, Resolution (Huizar-Bonin) (C.F. 16-0148) was introduced that recommended support for new State legislation to update pedestrian laws to include new and safe guidelines for countdown signal crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2017, Assembly Member Santiago introduced AB 390 that would authorize a pedestrian facing a countdown signal to proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal if there is sufficient time left on the countdown to reasonably complete the crossing safely; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that pedestrians, motorists, and law enforcement clearly understand that pedestrians have the right-of-way for the duration of a green signal cycle;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 390 (Santiago) that would authorize a pedestrian facing a countdown signal to proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal if there is sufficient time left on the countdown to reasonably complete the crossing safely.

PRESENTED BY: _____

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