

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, current law provides that all parking infractions are civil offenses and local governments establish schedules of civil parking fines and adjudicate and enforce these offenses through civil administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS, if a vehicle owner does not pay a parking citation, fees and penalties are added and, if a citation remains unpaid, the local jurisdiction can notify Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) about unpaid parking penalties and fees; and

WHEREAS, once DMV is notified of unpaid citations and fees, they are required to withhold vehicle registration or a driver's license until the citations and penalties are paid in full; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2017, Assembly Member Lackey introduced AB 503 that states the existing parking citation processes have resulted in a substantial burden for individuals who have amassed debt because of their inability to pay; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2017, the City initiated a six-month pilot program that allows homeless motorists the option of clearing open unpaid parking citations through community service instead of paying the fine; and

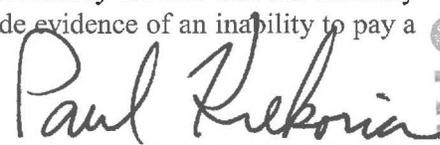
WHEREAS, the City also recently implemented an Installment Payment Plan (IPP) for motorists who provide evidence of an inability to pay a parking fine; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the City's new parking citation payment plans should be evaluated before a statewide program is introduced with unknown costs and impacts, as well as unproven effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation that interferes with local control over parking regulation may disrupt the City's ability to implement innovative programs like these that protect low income individuals and other residents of Los Angeles;

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 OPPOSITION, UNLESS AMENDED, to AB 503 (Lackey) to recognize the City's pilot program for homeless motorists to clear unpaid parking citations through community service and the recently implemented Installment Payment Plan (IPP) for motorists who provide evidence of an inability to pay a parking fine.

PRESENTED BY:



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