

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, the City currently regulates taxicab companies, vehicle owners, and drivers through the granting of taxi franchises, driver and vehicle permits, as well as enforces regulations to ensure that vehicles are safe and that professional service is provided; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2017, Assembly Member Low introduced AB 1069 that would repeal various taxicab requirements and the authority of a city to regulate taxicabs and instead apply those provisions only to a county; and

WHEREAS, as amended on June 28, 2017, AB 1069 would require regional transportation planning agencies in ten large counties in the State to establish regulations and impose fees on taxicab companies and drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) serves as regional transportation planner and coordinator, designer, builder, and operator of transit services with no existing regulatory function; and

WHEREAS, at the July 27, 2017 meeting, the Metro Board of Directors took an action to oppose AB 1069 because it would put the agency at odds with many cities that currently operate and regulate taxis within their jurisdictions and the bill would place a new, complicated, and unfunded regulatory burden on Metro; and

WHEREAS, amendments to AB 1069 have been offered that would ostensibly provide regulatory flexibility but come at the expense of service quality and equitable distribution of taxicab services; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2016, the Council approved a Resolution to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislative Program opposition, unless amended, to AB 650 (Low) that proposed to shift regulatory authority over taxicabs from local governments to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) (C.F. No. 15-0002-S203); and

WHEREAS, the City has begun to modernize regulations to ensure effective oversight of taxicab services in a manner that balances state, regional, and local needs;

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 to AB 1069 (Low), which proposes to alter the City's current responsibility relative to oversight and regulation of taxicab service.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 

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