

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, existing law classifies various felonies as "violent felonies" for purposes of various provisions of the California Penal Code; and

WHEREAS, existing law imposes an additional one-year term for a felony and a three year term for a violent felony for each prior separate prison term served for a violent felony; and

WHEREAS, California's definition of violent felony does not include many crimes against children, elder abuse, animal abuse, and other specific crimes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57, approved by the voters in November 2016, will overhaul criminal sentencing for individuals convicted of a felony not classified as violent, and allow many individuals convicted of a felony to leave prison on parole before their sentences are complete; and

WHEREAS, AB 197 (Kiley) would update the definition of violent felony to include various crimes not currently defined as such in the California Penal Code; and

WHEREAS, AB 197 would ensure that individuals who have committed crimes against children, such as child abduction, providing a child under the age of 16 for prostitution, elder abuse, false imprisonment of an elder, and animal abuse, among other felonies, are not released early from prison under Proposition 57;

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 2017 - 2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 197 (Kiley), which would expand the definition of violent felony to include child abduction, providing a child under 16 years of age for purposes of a lewd act, abduction of a minor for purposes of prostitution, child abuse, sodomy with a minor, oral copulation of a minor, contact with a minor to commit specified offenses, arranging a meeting with a minor for lewd purposes, employing a minor to produce sexual matter, elder and dependent adult abuse, false imprisonment of an elder or dependent adult, and animal abuse, as specified.

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PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 

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