

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 size and scope of wildfires in California are increasing, making it clear that there is a significant need for improvements in the State's emergency alert system; and

WHEREAS, last year saw some of the largest wildfires in the State's history, with the Thomas Fire in Southern California and mudslides that followed, tragically killing 21 residents; and

WHEREAS, this year the Mendocino Complex fire has become the largest wildfire in California with more than 290,000 acres already burned; and

WHEREAS, these disasters have shown that the State's emergency alert system needs to be improved both for the residents and first responders who require timely notifications and up-to-date information; and

WHEREAS, there are several different emergency warning systems available to counties that alert residents through phone calls, text messages, or landline recordings; and

WHEREAS, Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) is a public safety system that allows customers who own certain wireless phones and other enabled mobile devices to receive geographically-targeted, text-like messages alerting them of imminent threats to safety in their area; and

WHEREAS, annually, thousands of residents in the path of fires do not receive notifications or emergency alerts and the State should do more to ensure that there are standard notification protocols;

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 SB 833 (McGuire) which would require that the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) develop voluntary guidelines for alerting and warning the public in case of emergencies and require additional training for local emergency office personnel.

PRESENTED BY: 
 DAVID E. RYU
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SECONDED BY: 

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