

**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, port trucking companies will often hire truck drivers as contractors and lease trucks to the driver, taking payments for the lease out of the drivers' paychecks; and

WHEREAS, these "lease-to-own" agreements can result in drastically reduced paychecks and are used as leverage against truck drivers to exploit their labor; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the City Attorney filed lawsuits against three port trucking companies alleging the firms were exploiting truck drivers by misclassifying them as independent contractors; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the House of Representatives is a bill, HR 4144 (Napolitano), the Port Drivers' Bill of Rights Act of 2017, which would require the U.S. Department of Transportation to create a task force on truck leasing; and

WHEREAS, this truck leasing task force would report back to Congress on the impacts of truck leasing agreements, their legality, and whether new legislation or regulations are necessary to protect port truck drivers' ability to earn a living wage; and

WHEREAS, this bill would generate momentum at the national level to protect the rights of truck drivers and curb the abusive behavior exhibited by some of the port trucking companies;

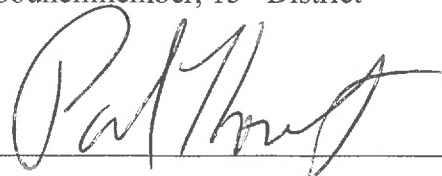
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 4144 (Napolitano), the Port Drivers' Bill of Rights Act of 2017, which would create a federal task force on truck leasing to investigate the use of truck leasing agreements by port trucking companies in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

PRESENTED BY

  
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 JOE BUSCAINO

Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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