

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 must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, a report from the California Future Health Workforce Commission, the creation of some of California's leading health philanthropies, estimates that in 10 years the State is projected to face a shortfall of 4,103 primary care clinicians; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County, the Inland Empire, and the San Joaquin Valley, as well as many rural areas, are already experiencing shortfalls of primary care, dental care, or mental health care providers; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs), registered nurses with additional education and qualifications who can deliver a broad range of services, including the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, can help fill the gaps arising from a shortage of primary care clinicians; and

WHEREAS, California is currently the only western state that requires NPs to practice and prescribe with physician oversight, and such restrictions have been shown to lead to lower supply of NPs and poorer access to care for State residents; and

WHEREAS, AB 890 (Wood) would allow NPs to provide specified medical services, without physician supervision, if the NP works in specified settings or the NP meets necessary education requirements; and

WHEREAS, AB 890 would help reduce barriers to care in Los Angeles and the rest of California; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in ensuring that its residents have access to affordable, high-quality medical care;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 890 (Wood), which would authorize a nationally certified nurse practitioner to practice without physician supervision in specified settings.

PRESENTED BY: 

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Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 


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