

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, Congress is currently deliberation two versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); and

WHEREAS, the Senate version contains the Transit Infrastructure Vehicle Security Act (S. 846), which would prohibit public transportation agencies from entering into contracts for the purchase of all rolling stock, including buses, manufactured by Chinese state-owned, controlled, or subsidized companies; and

WHEREAS, the House version of the NDAA also includes contract prohibitions, but it does not contain S. 846 and more narrowly focuses the prohibition to rail cars and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, S. 846 would negatively impact the Los Angeles-based company Build Your Dreams (BYD) by eliminating federal funding for BYD's rolling stock that could cost nearly 1,000 jobs in Los Angeles County; and

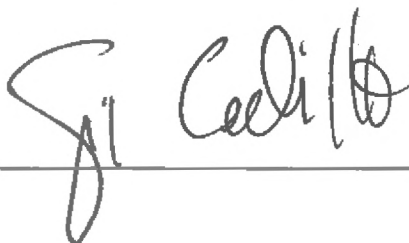
WHEREAS, BYD has manufactured 340 electric buses to communities across the nation, including several that are part of the City's DASH system; and

WHEREAS, BYD's ability to conduct business would be unfairly affected by S. 846 simply because the company's international headquarters are located in China; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles needs the well-paying jobs provided by BYD that, through a unique Community Benefits Agreement, has created opportunities for veterans, single mothers, and individuals seeking a second chance;

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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

PRESENTED BY: 
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Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 

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