

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, autonomous vehicles (AV) have the potential to dramatically change the future of transportation and mobility for people by minimizing human error and improving traffic congestion, environmental issues, equity, and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the reality of AV on local roads and freeways is imminent, and the City should support this new technology and take an active role in the development of federal and state AV regulations; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the interests of residents and foster new mobility technology, the City should advocate for the development of AV policy goals in the areas of data sharing, law enforcement interaction plans, signage and signaling, accessibility, and local retention of local assets; and

WHEREAS, federal and state regulations that include these goals will ensure that AV fulfills its great potential to transform personal mobility for Los Angeles residents while supporting existing City plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal and State Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation and/or administrative action that would support the following relative to autonomous vehicles (AVs): local government access to data, engagement of law enforcement personnel; updating signage and signaling; equitable deployment and regulation of AVs, including transit and freight vehicles; creation of licensing requirements to individuals of varying levels of mobility and disability; retention of assets and authority by local jurisdictions; and safe integration of AVs into the complex airport environment.

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WHEREAS, the United States has seen a significant increase in the number of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) – also known as drones – in recent years; and

WHEREAS, this technology can be used for a variety of purposes, including emergency services, delivery and photography, and more uses are being tested every day; and

WHEREAS, clarity is needed related to authority to regulate UAS at low altitudes, and it is not clear what the role of state or local government is in regulating UAS; and

WHEREAS, as businesses across industries continue to test drones for commercial purposes, it will become increasingly important for local government to regulate and manage air space at low altitudes;

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 and State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action that would ensure state and local authority to enact regulations of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones) at low altitudes.

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