

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, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), by definition, have a vested interest in working in, and with, the community to improve neighborhood conditions and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has contracted with CBOs since 1989 to provide neighborhood beautification services, including graffiti abatement, sidewalk cleaning, and weed abatement; and

WHEREAS, unabated graffiti, litter, and bulky items negatively impact quality of life and residents' sense of community pride, safety, and community cohesion; and

WHEREAS, CBOs connect people to their neighborhoods, empowering youth who benefit from employment experience, and community investment; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hertzberg has proposed a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the California Workforce Development Board for the development of a competitive grant program that would assist communities with graffiti abatement and bulky item removal; and

WHEREAS, additional funding to support community beautification efforts lead by CBOs in partnership with cities could expand the reach and impact of their collaborative efforts; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the services of CBOs with existing contracts with cities that have bona fide pre-apprenticeship training programs for graffiti abatement also creates a workforce development opportunities;

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 Legislation Program SUPPORT for a \$1,000,000 State General Fund appropriation to the California Workforce Development Board for the creation of a competitive grant program to assist communities with graffiti abatement and bulky item removal.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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