

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 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, the Los Angeles Unified School District Teachers Strike concluded with an agreement in January 2019 which in part called for increased State funding for education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's 2019-20 State budget proposal includes \$60.5 billion in expenditures for K-12 education, representing 29% of the \$209 billion total statewide expenditures including special funds and bond funds; and

WHEREAS, the minimum funding amount for K-12 and community college funding in the State budget is determined by a funding formula created by Proposition 98, a 1988 ballot initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee formula is changed frequently in an attempt to address repeated funding concerns for K-12 and community college education in California; and

WHEREAS, despite the legislature's attempts to improve the Proposition 98 formula, K-12 public education funding in California continues to be fundamentally insufficient to address real-world concerns, which leads to short-term contracts similar to the one agreed upon by the Mayor, Los Angeles Unified School District, and United Teachers of Los Angeles; and

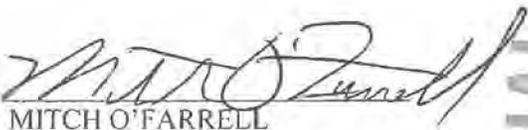
WHEREAS, some of the funding increases in the Governor's proposed budget include additional funding for special education programs, funding to allow California schools to provide universal full-day kindergarten, pension liability relief, educational data system coordination, and additional support for students from low-income families, English language learners, and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the increases to K-12 education funding in the Governor's proposed budget are commendable, but California continues to rank poorly in per-pupil spending when cost of living is factored in; and

WHEREAS, the public would benefit from additional transparency and oversight for the allocation of the budgeted funds for education;

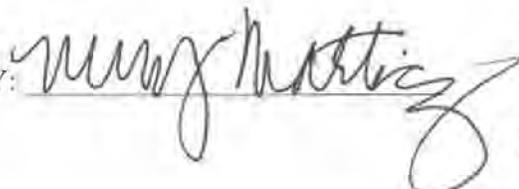
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes into its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Governor Newsom's Proposed California Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 relative to K-12 education, and SUPPORT for other legislation or administrative action that would provide additional funding to local school districts, providing them the variety of resources our children in public education deserve, and increase the transparency on the use of those funds.

PRESENTED BY:


MITCH O'FARRELL

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