

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, existing law prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using a cellphone unless that phone is specifically designed and configured to allow for hands-free listening and talking; and

WHEREAS, the first violation of this law is a \$20 fine, the second and subsequent violation is a \$50 fine; and

WHEREAS, the current fine structure has no deterrent effect on distracted driving, which frequently contributes to vehicle collisions that cause property damage, injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, other vehicle code violations, such as speeding or running a stop sign, result in drivers being assessed violation points against their official driving record; and

WHEREAS, when an individual receives too many points in a certain amount of time, their license can be restricted or suspended, and their insurance could increase; and

WHEREAS, AB 47 (Daly) would add a violation point as a penalty for distracted driving offenses, which is more effective than fines alone in deterring bad behavior; and

WHEREAS, AB 47 recognizes that distracted driving is a growing problem and encourages drivers to put down their phones while driving;

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 47 (Daly), which would add a violation point as a penalty for violating California's distracted driving statute.

PRESENTED BY


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SECONDED BY:




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