

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, over recent years, crimes motivated by hate have increased significantly in California and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, a recent report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation found that the number of hate crimes in 2017 triggered by bias against a person's race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation increased by 17 percent over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, attacks against churches, mosques, synagogues and cultural institutions are on the rise, as evidenced by the recent deadly attack on worshipers attending Passover services at a synagogue in Poway, California; and

WHEREAS, federal programs exist to help non-profit organizations acquire and install security equipment and other target-hardening activities; and

WHEREAS, California has spent \$4.5 million since 2015 to augment a federal grant program created after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City, including \$2 million in 2017, which was subsequently reduced in 2018 to \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom stated that he will include \$15,000,000 for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program in his revised spending plan for the fiscal year 2019 and the initial iteration of AB 1548 (Gabriel) reiterated this commitment by proposing the provision of up to \$15,000,000 to non-profits organizations for security related improvements, including, security guards, reinforced doors and gates, high- intensity lighting and alarms and any other security enhancements;

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 1548 (Gabriel) which would establish the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program to improve the physical security of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of violent attacks or hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs or mission.

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