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 must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing State law requires public and charter schools to develop comprehensive school safety plans that address procedures for preparing for and responding to natural disasters, such as fires and earthquakes, and criminal activities, including active shooter incidents; and

WHEREAS, active shooter incidents at schools in California and around the country have occurred with disturbing and unacceptable regularity; and

WHEREAS, federal data indicates that there were seven active shooter incidents at schools in California between 2000 and 2017, and that schools have been the second most common location for all active shooter incidents in California; and

WHEREAS, it is important that schools and their students be prepared to respond to natural and man-made disasters of all kinds, including active shooter incidents, and lockdown drills are an important tool for preparing for such incidents; and

WHEREAS, lockdown drills are currently conducted at the discretion of each school and are not mandated for frequency like fire and earthquake drills; and

WHEREAS, SB 86 (Portantino) and SB 541 (Bates) would require public, charter and private schools in California to conduct lockdown drills at least annually;

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 SB 86 (Portantino) and SB 541 (Bates), which would require public, private, and charter schools to conduct at least one lockdown drill per year.

PRESENTED BY: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: _____

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