

**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, 50 years ago, on March 20, 1969, the California State University (CSU) system established the first and only school of Ethnic Studies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Ethnic Studies Program was the result of a student-led strike at San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, today, all 23 CSUs have developed courses in Ethnic Studies; and

WHEREAS, Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity, with a special focus on four historically defined core groups: Native American, African American, Asian American, Latina and Latino American; and

WHEREAS, regardless of major, students who participated in Ethnic Studies courses graduated at a much higher rate than their peers who did not take Ethnic Studies classes; and

WHEREAS, AB 1460 (Weber), introduced on March 28, 2018, requires commencing with the 2020-21 academic year, that the CSU system must provide courses in Ethnic Studies at each of its campuses; and

WHEREAS, Ethnic Studies courses play an important role in building an inclusive multicultural democracy;

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 1460 (Weber) which would provide that the California State University system require, as an undergraduate graduation requirement, the completion of one 3-unit course in Ethnic Studies, commencing in the 2020-21 academic school year.

PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 

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