

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 federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program, designed to assist people with limited income by reducing the amount of federal income tax they owe, was established in 1975 and is administered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the federal EITC program, qualifying California residents may also claim a state EITC if they meet the following requirements: Wages, self-employment income and adjusted gross income within certain limits, a valid social security number, do not use "married filing separately" filing status, and must have lived in California for more than half the tax year; and

WHEREAS, the table below shows the income limits and how much an individual may qualify for when filing for the 2018 tax return:

Number of Children	Maximum Income	California EITC	Federal EITC
None	\$16,750	\$232	\$519
1	\$24,950	\$1,554	\$3,461
2	\$24,950	\$2,559	\$5,761
3 or more	\$24,950	\$2,879	\$6,431

\* Source: [Caleitc4me.org](http://caleitc4me.org)


WHEREAS, currently to claim the EITC credit, tax filers must opt-in on the tax return and many people may not be aware of the tax credit or how to claim it; and

WHEREAS, if tax filers were required to opt out of EITC, persons that qualify would automatically be enrolled to receive the benefit; and

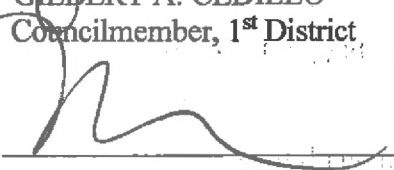
WHEREAS, in spite of the numerous programs implemented by the City to assist low income individuals during tax season, the City must make every effort to ensure that working families and individuals get their share of the tax credits available;

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 of legislation to require tax filers that do not qualify for the California Earned Income Tax Credit to opt out of the EITC allowing qualifying individuals to be automatically enrolled for the credit.

PRESENTED BY

  
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