

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, various California municipalities have enacted legislation to to impose a higher tax on sugary drinks, in an attempt to discourage consumption and raise money for local health programs; and

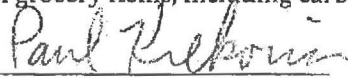
WHEREAS, in 2018, the Governor signed into law AB 1838, a controversial bill that banned California cities and counties from creating new taxes on grocery items, including soda and other sugary drinks, through 2030; and

WHEREAS, AB 1838 was approved as a compromise to prevent a proposed ballot measure, funded with millions of dollars from the beverage industry, that would have made it difficult for local governments to raise state and local taxes;

WHEREAS, AB 1838 was approved because many legislators were concerned the proposed ballot measure would hurt local governments' ability to raise state and local taxes and create new revenue, especially in times of economic recession and/or uncertainty;

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 2019-20 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of any legislation and/or administrative action that would repeal AB 1838 and lift the ban on the taxation of grocery items, including carbonated and non-carbonated nonalcoholic drinks.

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