

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, existing law establishes an Office of Health Equity in the State Department of Public Health for purposes of aligning state resources, decision-making, and programs to accomplish certain goals related to health equity and protecting vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, Existing law requires the office to develop department-wide plans to close the gaps in health status and access to care among the state's diverse racial and ethnic communities, women, persons with disabilities, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning communities, as specified; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly, is a bill, AB 2218 (Santiago); and

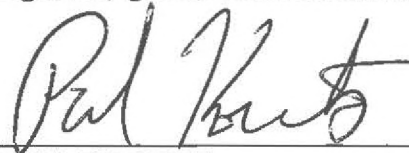
WHEREAS, AB 2218 would establish the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund, for use by the State Department of Health Care Services, for grants to transgender-led nonprofit organizations and hospitals, health care clinics, and other medical providers that provide gender-conforming health care services or have an established partnership with a transgender-led nonprofit organization, to create, or fund existing, programs focused on coordinating trans-inclusive medical care, behavioral health care, and social services, including supportive housing for people that identity as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex; and

WHEREAS, AB 2218 would also appropriate \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund, established pursuant to this bill, for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT AB 2218 because it proposes a comprehensive budget request to strengthen healthcare services for people that identity as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex; and

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 AB 2218 (Santiago), the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund, which would establish the first state funding to provide much-needed medical and mental health services and housing for people that identity as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex.

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