

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, since the first U.S. case of the coronavirus was identified in Washington state on Jan. 21, health officials have identified 4,556 cases across the United States, 94 cases have been confirmed in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus has resulted in countless changes to daily life, as governments across the U.S. are asking businesses to close their doors and send employees to work from home in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, schools are being closed, travel is being restricted, and bars, restaurants, fitness centers and movie theaters are being closed; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus outbreak has caused fear of a global recession that could lead to undue pressure on businesses to lay off workers; and

WHEREAS, urgent action is needed to provide economic relief for working Angelenos and families, easing the financial burden for students, and protecting both health workers and patients; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has created a threat to the health and well-being of the American people, as well as to our country's economic stability; and

WHEREAS, while some efforts in Congress have focused on taking care of big business, everyday workers could be left behind; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, the expansions of paid leave, unemployment insurance, and SNAP benefits are crucial, the check will also help fill the gaps for some people; and

WHEREAS, swift action should be taken to provide a temporary universal basic payment of \$1,000 per month to every American adult to help them endure any potential economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is a bill, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be a direct emergency economic stimulus for individual Americans in response to COVID-19 (HR 897) urges the Federal Government to provide an emergency non-taxable Universal Basic Payment of \$1,000 per month to all adult Americans until COVID-19 no longer presents a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Universal Payment will be a temporary economic stimulus package to empower Americans directly and immediately;

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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 897, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be a direct emergency economic stimulus for individual Americans in response to COVID-19, that would provide an emergency non-taxable Universal Basic Payment of \$1,000 per month to all adult Americans until COVID-19 no longer presents a public health emergency.

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PRESENTED BY:

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