

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, on May 14th, Governor Newsom proposed sweeping cuts to the State budget in order to address a projected \$54.3 billion deficit resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cuts eliminate funding for the State's Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) entirely, which is designed to provide at-home living assistance to Medi-Cal eligible individuals who are 65 years or older and disabled as an alternative to nursing facility placement; and

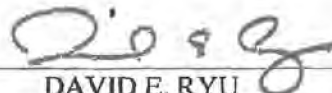
WHEREAS, defunding the MSSP, which is designed to keep elderly individuals out of nursing homes, is especially heinous during the COVID-19 pandemic given that roughly 40 percent of California's COVID-19 deaths have occurred in eldercare facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Medi-Cal would pay roughly \$40,600 per year for a patient to live in a nursing facility, while the estimated costs for the MSSP is around \$5,000 per client; and

WHEREAS, cuts to programs that benefit elderly individuals are inconsistent with Governor Newsom's stated goals as presented in Executive Order N-14-19, which called for the development and implementation of a Master Plan for Aging that would create better health outcomes for the aging California population;

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 into its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to proposed budget cuts to the Multipurpose Senior Services Program, which may force over 11,000 seniors in California into nursing facilities that are significantly more costly than savings achieved by eliminating their in-home care services, transportation assistance, home access modifications, medical resources, and adult day health care.

PRESENTED BY: _____



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SECONDED BY: _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District