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, domestic terrorism is defined as a criminal act that is intended to intimidate or coerce the population, influence policy by the government through intimidation or affect the conduct of government through mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping that occurs within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed by domestic terrorism has significantly increased over recent years, as evidenced by the attack on the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, which was organized in part by groups intent on overturning the 2020 election results by force; and

WHEREAS, while domestic terror incidents have been increasing and becoming more violent, many law enforcement agencies have not allocated additional resources to the problem, and training on how to identify and address the threat of domestic terrorism is not widespread; and

WHEREAS, SB 764 (Umberg) would address this issue by directing the California Department of Justice to establish a Domestic Terrorism Task Force, which will include members of law enforcement and prosecuting agencies from around the State; and

WHEREAS, this Task Force will be responsible for conducting an annual, intelligence based assessment of domestic terrorism in the State, and execute a plan for addressing these activities; and

WHEREAS, SB 764 would ensure that this issue is given the attention it deserves, and will protect Californians from violent acts perpetrated by individuals seeking to undermine our social and political systems;

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 2021 - 2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 764 (Umberg) which would require the California Department of Justice to establish a statewide domestic terrorism task force, in order to promote information sharing and to ensure an effective, responsive, and organized joint effort against domestic terrorism.

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