

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, current law authorizes counties, cities, and other local agencies to impose various taxes and fees in connection with activity within those jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in June 2018, the California Legislature banned any new food and beverage taxes until 2031, prohibiting local governments from levying such taxes; and

WHEREAS, AB 1163 (Nazarian), currently pending in the State legislature, would repeal the prohibition on the imposition, increase, levy and collection, or enforcement by a local agency of any tax, fee, or other assessment on groceries; and

WHEREAS, this is beneficial to the health of city residents as evidence links the consumption of sugary drinks to the risk of diabetes and other metabolic dysfunction, heart disease, stroke, and tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, research on sugary drink taxes shows that these taxes can help lower the consumption of sugary drinks as well as generate revenue for local governments that can be invested to improve local health equity conditions; and

WHEREAS, studies on the taxation of sugary drinks have estimated a significant return on investment in health care savings, and in terms of tax revenue, data from the City of Berkeley shows a seven percent growth in food sector employment and a 15 percent growth in sales tax revenue following the implementation of a sugary drink tax in the city; and

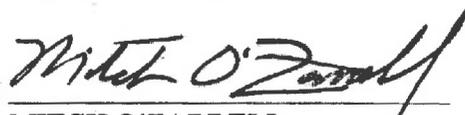
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1163 (Nazarian), which would remove statewide preemption of local soda taxes.

PRESENTED BY:



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