

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**, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals have long been victimized by a health care disparity created by the inability of many medical service providers to offer appropriate services to the transgender community; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to this disparity, the California State Legislature approved and the Governor signed AB 2218 (Santiago) which would establish a Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund to provide medical, mental health, and housing services for individuals identifying as transgender, gender non-conforming, or intersex; and

**WHEREAS**, although the bill originally provided for \$15 million from the State General Fund to be made available for the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund, the final bill did not include the funding clause; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges faced by transgender individuals, including high rates of violence, homelessness, and discrimination, have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

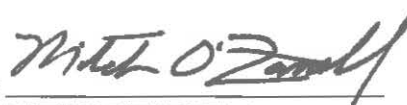
**WHEREAS**, the State of California and the City of Los Angeles must prioritize addressing the concerns of a community with a well-documented history of discrimination and continue to fight to close the existing disparity of health services for transgender and gender non-conforming residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transgender Advisory Council, established by the City of Los Angeles to advise on issues affecting the transgender community, voted unanimously to support full funding for the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the City of Los Angeles seize the opportunity provided by the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund and advocate for full funding to address the historical disparity in health services for the Angelenos that need it;

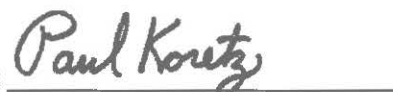
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP for legislation or administrative action to fully fund the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund at a minimum of \$15 million.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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