

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 government 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, existing law requires the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) to classify geographic areas in the State of California as “very high fire severity zones” based on statewide criteria including fuels, terrain, and weather; and

WHEREAS, existing law also requires every city and county adopting a general plan to include a Safety Element establishing policies related to future development that will mitigate the risk of injury, loss of life, property damage, and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, millions of acres in California were burned by wildfires in 2020, and even areas that were previously unaffected by wildfire season have now begun to find themselves increasingly under the threat of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, California households are at risk not only from the immediate harms of wildfires, but environmental harms resulting from excessive wildfires; and

WHEREAS, as the State of California continues to face increasingly catastrophic wildfires due to climate change, it is evident that the very high fire severity zone definition is no longer sufficient to plan for wildfire mitigation; and

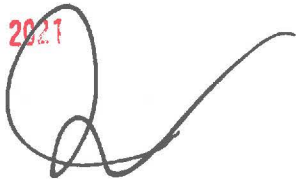
WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Legislature is AB 800 (Gabriel) which would require the California Department Forestry and Fire Protection to define and designate “moderate” and “high” fire severity zones, expanding the geographic areas of concern in the State’s Safety Element reviews; and

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles, the immediate danger of wildfires, their environmental harms, and their aftermath continue to pose a notable, active risk to numerous residents during fire season; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and the City of Los Angeles should continue to expand their evaluation, mitigation, and protection of areas that may be newly exposed to wildfire dangers as a result of climate change; 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 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 800 (Gabriel) which would require the California Department of Forestry and Fire protection to define and designate “moderate” and “high” fire severity zones, expanding the geographic areas of concern in the State’s Safety Element review.

MAY 11 2021

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Bob Blumenfeld

PRESENTED BY: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

Mr. [Signature]

SECONDED BY: _____