

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, victims of police violence are often prevented from seeking their rightful compensation due to arcane and discriminatory eligibility standards, which grant the California Victim Compensation Board significant authority to deny victim reimbursement applications; and

WHEREAS, under the current system, victims of police violence may be prevented from receiving reimbursement because a police report was not filed, the victims are afraid of cooperating with an investigation after being assaulted, or charges were not brought upon an offending officer; and

WHEREAS, SB 299 (Leyva), introduced on February 3, 2021, would expand eligibility requirements to provide better pathways for survivors of police violence to seek their deserved compensation; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would remove some of the burden that is placed on victims of police violence seeking restitution, and would help provide victims with easier access to resources for healing; and

WHEREAS, the City is continually reevaluating its approaches to public safety, and should support initiatives at all levels of government that would further the work of remedying longstanding inequities;

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 299 (Leyva), which would expand eligibility for compensation under the California Victim Compensation Program for injuries or death caused by use of force by a law enforcement officer.

PRESENTED BY:



MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District



SECONDED BY:



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