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, the COVID-19 pandemic has had numerous, severe impacts on performing arts organizations, many of which are struggling to resume functioning at pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, small nonprofit performing arts companies are especially vulnerable in the wake of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many communities rely on small nonprofit performing arts companies as their sole access to the performing arts, and many workers in the performing arts industry get their start at a small nonprofit performing arts company; and

WHEREAS, many of these companies lack the revenue to pay all of their workers the minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, SB 805 (Rubio), the “Save the Performing Arts Act of 2021.” introduced on February 19, 2021, would establish the Performing Arts Equitable Payroll Fund, which would provide funds to small nonprofit performing arts companies to ensure that their workers receive adequate compensation; and

WHEREAS, SB 805 will allow small nonprofit performing arts companies to continue to provide unique cultural experiences to their communities while protecting arts workers;

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 805 (Rubio), which would create the Performing Arts Equitable Payroll Fund, which will provide grants to small nonprofit performing arts companies to guarantee that all workers are paid at least minimum wage; and establish the California Nonprofit Performing Arts Paymaster, to provide low cost payroll and paymaster services to small nonprofit performing arts companies.

PRESENTED BY: [Signature]
GILBERT CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]