

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, it is the policy of the City of Los Angeles to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, passenger vehicles are by far the largest contributor to GHG emissions in the State of California, accounting for more than 28% of 2018 GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government provides a tax credit of up to \$7,500 for the purchase of an electric vehicle; and the State of California gives an additional rebate of up to \$7,000 to purchasers of electric cars, most of which goes to higher-income taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the average new electric car costs more than \$50,000, making them unaffordable for most Angelenos; and electric cars take up the same road and parking space as conventionally-fueled vehicles and thus do not alleviate traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, many new electric bicycles can be purchased for less than \$1,500; and electric bicycles provide the same benefits as other bicycles in that they require far less roadway and storage space than automobiles; and

WHEREAS, by reducing the physical effort required to ride a bicycle, electric bicycles allow more people to ride bicycles for longer trips, and at least one study has shown that 75% of e-bike trips replace car trips; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1019 (Pancetta-Blumenauer), the Electric Bicycle Incentive Kickstart for the Environment (E-BIKE) Act, would create a tax credit that would cover 30% of the cost of an electric bicycle (up to a \$1,500 credit); apply to bicycles costing less than \$8,000; and be fully refundable, allowing lower-income workers to claim the credit; and

WHEREAS, AB 117 (Boerner Horvath) would create and fund a \$10 million Electric Bicycle Rebate Pilot Project in California to provide rebates for electric bicycles with a focus on low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1019 and AB 117 would help advance the City's goals of combatting climate change, reducing GHG gas emissions, and promoting alternatives to automobile use, especially for low- and moderate-income Angelenos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 1019 (Pancetta-Blumenauer), the Electric Bicycle Incentive Kickstart for the Environment (E-BIKE) Act; and

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BE IT ~~ALSO~~ RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 117 (Boerner Horvath) which would create and fund an Electric Bicycle Rebate Pilot Project.

PRESENTED BY


BOB BLUMENFELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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