

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, the Federal Clean Water Act was enacted on October 18, 1972, to regulate discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and improve quality standards for surface waters; and

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board protects and enhances the quality of the State's water resources by implementing the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act with the intent of making all waterways swimmable, fishable, and drinkable; and

WHEREAS, as of 2018, nearly 95 percent of all fresh waters assessed in California, and over 1,400 water bodies, are listed as pollutant impaired; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the Federal Clean Water Act's 50-year anniversary, it is the intent of AB 377 (Rivas) to recommit the State to restore and maintain the physical and biological integrity of the its water bodies by eliminating the discharge of pollutants into waterways; and

WHEREAS, AB 377, amended March 8, 2021, would require all surface waters in the State to be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050; and

WHEREAS, the measure would also require the State Water Resources Control Board to develop an Impaired Waterways Enforcement Program to rectify all water quality standard violations that are impairing water bodies by January 1, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City has been on the forefront of implementing policies and programs to improve the water quality of its water bodies and waterways for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the measure are consistent with the City's commitment to improve the health and welfare of the environment and the quality of life of its residents;

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 377 (Rivas) that would require all surface waters in the State to be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050; and would require the State Water Resources Control Board to develop an Impaired Waterways Enforcement Program to address all water quality standard violations that are impairing water bodies by January 1, 2030.

PRESENTED BY:

MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

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SECONDED BY: