

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, in 2014, California voters approved Proposition 47, lowering penalties for certain lower drug and property offenses, and requiring thefts of property valued lower than \$950 to be charged as misdemeanors; and

WHEREAS, in light of a concerning trend of coordinated burglaries in recent months, including smash-and-grab and follow-home robberies, the tools available to law enforcement and prosecutors to provide for the public's safety should be increased; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Legislature is AB 1603 (Salas) which would decrease the threshold for value of property in thefts that can be charged as grand theft from \$950 to \$400; and

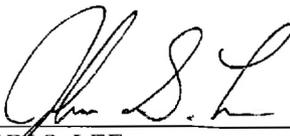
WHEREAS, the bill would become effective upon approval by California voters, providing the opportunity for voters to evaluate Proposition 47 and take steps to strengthen the law; and

WHEREAS, lowering the threshold for grand theft would serve as a powerful deterrent and serve to prevent any further escalation in coordinated thefts; and

WHEREAS, support for AB 1603 would demonstrate the City's unwavering commitment to protecting the wellbeing and property of residents and the retail business community;

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 1603 (Salas) which would decrease the threshold for value of property in thefts that can be charged as grand theft from \$950 to \$400.

PRESENTED BY:



JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



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