

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 impacts of climate change, extreme heat, and greenhouse gas emissions are at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, agriculture generates 8% of California's greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, livestock production accounts for two-thirds of those emissions and 55% of the state's methane emissions; and

WHEREAS, animal foods generally have a significantly higher carbon footprint than plant-based foods; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 558 (Nazarian) proposes to offer grants up to \$100,000 to schools for training, equipment, and technical assistance needed to scale up their restricted diet and plant-based food offerings; and

WHEREAS, grants would be prioritized for schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, AB 558 would also require the California Department of Education (CDE) to issue instructions for how school districts could serve younger siblings a federally reimbursable meal at a school site that their older sibling attends;

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 558 (Nazarian) which would improve student health while reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with the estimated 540 million school lunches served each year by incentivizing more plant-based school meals.

PRESENTED BY:



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