

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, under existing law a child may be adjudged to be a dependent by the juvenile court because of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, when parental rights are terminated many children adopted through the welfare system lose connection to their biological families, especially their siblings; and

WHEREAS, these connections to their biological families can be vital to a child's life; and

WHEREAS, under existing law a postadoption sibling contact agreement may be executed; and

WHEREAS, AB 1794 (Gipson) addresses the gaps and inconsistencies in the implementation of current laws surrounding siblings who are separated by adoption and postadoption contact; and

WHEREAS, in some cases adoptions fail and AB 1794 would provide a procedure to reinstate previously terminated rights to the biological parents;

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 Assembly Bill 1794 (Gipson), which would facilitate the execution of a postadoption sibling contact agreement when parental rights are terminated and the court orders a dependent child to be placed for adoption; and would facilitate a petition to be made to the juvenile court to reinstate parental rights when an adoption is no longer a permanent plan.

PRESENTED BY:

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