

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; and

WHEREAS, a speed-related collision is defined as one in which the driver exceeds the posted speed limit causing a vehicular crash; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, California reported 4,285 traffic fatalities which represented a 7.6 percent increase from the prior year; and

WHEREAS, California ranked second in the nation for the most speed-related traffic fatalities in both 2020 and 2021, and in 2023 it marked the first time there were more traffic fatalities in the State than homicides; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, traffic collisions caused 844 fatalities in Los Angeles County, a 10 percent increase from the prior year; and

WHEREAS, recent increases in speed-related collisions, causing serious injury and/or death, are a present and growing danger; and

WHEREAS, existing law prohibits driving at speeds that endanger the safety of persons or property; and requires that traffic violations count as points against a driver's record for purposes of suspension or revocation of a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, SB 1509 (Stern), the Negligent Operator Treatment (NOT) in California Act introduced in the State Senate on February 16, 2024, seeks to specify that a conviction of driving 26 mph or higher over the posted speed limit would count as a two-point violation; thereby placing the driver's license at risk of suspension or revocation; and

WHEREAS, this bill seeks to modify State law related to traffic violations in order to effectively combat reckless driving and speed-related collisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program support for SB 1509 (Stern), the Negligent Operator Treatment (NOT) in California Act, which seeks to specify that a conviction of driving 26 mph or higher over the posted speed limit would count as a two-point violation, instead of one-point, in order to mitigate reckless driving and speed-related collisions.

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