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Council File Number
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Title
SB 1444 (KUEHL)

Subject
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, recent reports show that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has proposed an action to only partially clean-up soils laced with low-level radioactive waste at the former Rocketdyne Nuclear Research Facility in the Simi Hills; and WHEREAS, the Department of Energy's (DOE's) proposal, if implemented, would pose a cancer threat 300 times greater than the standard the Environmental Protection Agency recommends for Superfund projects sites; and WHEREAS, the Department of Energy's (DOE's) proposal is even more alarming since there is a possibility that the site could be used for homes or other public uses once the clean-up is completed; and WHEREAS, the State Senate, in an attempt to address this type of circumstance, introduced SB 144 (Kuehl) on February 15, 2002; and WHEREAS, SB 1444 (Kuehl) would prohibit a city or county agency from planning, zoning, or approving any site for residential use, school or child day care facility, any site where a partial or full nuclear meltdown has occurred; and WHEREAS, SB 1444 (Kuehl) would also prohibit any person from selling, transferring, or leasing a site, soil, or structure with residual radioactive contamination for any subsequent land use until the contamination has been removed and transferring to a licensed radioactive waste disposal facility and remaining contamination does not exceed a one in a million risk of cancer; and WHEREAS, the City has expressed strong concerns in the past regarding radioactive waste contamination, its disposal and potential impact on the public; this matter will be discussed at a special meeting in the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee on April 16, 2002 and scheduled for City Council discussion on April 19, 2002. 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 2001-2002 Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 1444 (Kuehl) which would establish various land use restrictions and requirements for sites containing radioactive contamination and thereby serve to protect the public.

Last Change Date
05/23/2002

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Archive History

4-10-02 - This days Council session
4-10-02 - Ref to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
4-10-02 - File to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Clerk
4-19-02 - This days Council session - Special Motion 2 - Holden Mover 2002 / Padilla - On Monday, April 22, 2002 the California State Committee on Environmental Quality has scheduled a hearing to discuss SB 1444 (Kuehl) which would establish various land use restrictions and requirements for sites containing radioactive contemination and thereby serve to protect the public.
Currently pending in the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee is a Resolution (Holden - Garcetti) that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2001-2002 Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 1444 (Kuehl). Inasmuch as the State Senate Committee hearing on this bill has just been announced, immediate action is needed today to withdraw the matter from the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee so that the City's position of support can be presented in Sacramento on Monday.

THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.
FURTHER MOVE that pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of the Los Angeles City Council that the matter of a Resolution (Holden - Garcetti) that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2001-2002 Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 1444 (Kuehl), currently pending in the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, BE WITHDRAWN from committee and placed before the City Council for consideration.
4-19-02 - Findings ADOPTED - Motion ADOPTED - Resolution ADOPTED
5-3-02 - File to the Mayor FORTHWITH
5-13-02 - Mayor's message concurred in action of April 19, 2002
5-14-02 - File to Calendar Clerk
5-23-02 - File in files