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 Caltrans pedestrian bridge over the I-101 freeway at Killion Street and Encino Avenue has become an attractive nuisance for loitering and criminal activity, and has created serious health and public safety concerns for the community due to illegal dumping, human waste, syringes, and an increase in rat infestation; and

WHEREAS, nuisance reports are regularly made to the Los Angeles Police Department because of incidents of thefts and burglaries, constant vandalism, and indecent exposure; and

WHEREAS, scarce Caltrans resources are dedicated to the ongoing maintenance of the bridge, including regular fence and bolt lock repairs and electrical wire replacements to address the problems noted above; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is planning to reconstruct the pedestrian bridge to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and

WHEREAS, the adjacent communities are opposed to the reconstruction and support alternative pedestrian/bicycle improvements that service the greater community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program support for legislation and/or administrative actions to revise the existing Freeway Agreement with Caltrans that would allow the removal of the pedestrian bridge over the I-101 freeway at Killion Street and Encino Avenue and implement alternative pedestrian/bicycle improvements in the surrounding communities.

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