

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, the State's changing climate creates increased risks of catastrophic wildfire, drought, floods, severe heat events, intense rain events, and sea level rise that will impact its residents, agriculture, water supply, water quality, the forests, watersheds, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, climate change threatens and undermines the State and local agencies ability to provide access to clean, safe, and reliable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, reducing vulnerability to fire, flood, drought, and other climate change-related events, and building a trained workforce needed to accomplish this goal, requires significant Statewide investment and planning; and

WHEREAS, an integrated Statewide initiative that prevents wildfires and other natural disasters, reduces near-term climate change risks, and increases long-term resilience to climate change will save State and local agencies billions of dollars in relief and re-construction efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature seeks to meet this goal through SB 45 (Allen) which would enact *The Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020*, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 to finance Statewide projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection; and

WHEREAS, SB 45 (Allen), if approved by the State Legislature, would place the proposed Bond Act on the Statewide ballot for voter consideration on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the proposed Bond Act would benefit the City and its residents inasmuch as the funds would be used to augment local wildfire prevention efforts, improve water quality, and support regional watershed management plans including the Upper Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 45 (Allen) which would enact *The Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020*, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection.

PRESENTED BY:


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