

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 Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) establishes minimum standards for the training, and physical, mental, and moral fitness of California peace officers; and

WHEREAS, existing POST standards mandate that basic training for law enforcement officers include procedures for interaction with persons with development disabilities or mental illness, and that trainings must be reviewed and updated regularly; and

WHEREAS, these basic training requirements reflect the reality that law enforcement officers have been required to meet an increasingly complex gamut of service needs; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Public Health (DPH) an estimated 690,000 Californians currently suffer from Alzheimer’s disease, a number that is expected to double by 2040; and

WHEREAS, this drastic increase underlines the need for law enforcement and first responders to be able to identify, respond, and provide aid to individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and dementia; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Legislature is AB 2583 (Mullin) which would require POST to revise their standards to include training on interaction with persons with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia; and

WHEREAS, the bill would direct POST, in collaboration with the State Aging Department, to develop and distribute a mandatory training course for peace officers on recognizing and interacting with persons with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia; and

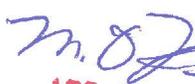
WHEREAS, an estimated 60 percent of persons with Alzheimer’s disease will wander with law enforcement often playing a critical role in helping return those individuals who go missing; and

WHEREAS, officers need the tools to be able to serve this vulnerable population in a deliberate and effective manner, and to prevent any miscommunication that may result in the escalation;

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 AB 2583 (Mullin) which would require POST to revise their standards to include training on interaction with persons with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

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SECONDED BY: 


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