

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, ninety-five percent of businesses in California are small businesses with less than 50 employees, and these businesses employ more than one-third of California workers and also employ diverse populations and help families build intergenerational wealth; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in the City of Los Angeles provide critical goods and services, are part of their neighborhood's identity, and generate tax revenue to fund City services; and

WHEREAS, small businesses generate thousands of jobs and are key to the City's continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City supports small businesses through such programs as the BusinessSource Center Program, the Local Business Preference Program, and the Council District 13 Small Business Grant Program that provided financial relief for small businesses during the pandemic (C.F. 20-0582); and

WHEREAS, the City should further assist small businesses by making it easier to hire local workers; and

WHEREAS, pending before the Legislature is AB 1864 (Gipson) which would provide tax credits to small businesses that hire workers who live near the employee's primary worksite; and

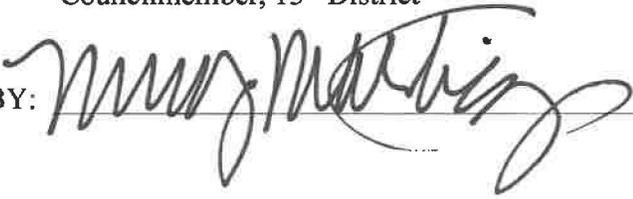
WHEREAS, AB 1864 would increase the number of workers who work in their local communities which would, in turn, help reduce commuting costs and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, keeping economic activity within the City will help generate additional revenues for critical City services; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is consistent with existing City programs and policies that assist small businesses, and should be supported;

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 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1864 (Gipson) which would provide tax credits to small businesses that hire workers who live near their primary worksite.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 


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