

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 governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already declared that there is no safe level of lead in children, and the California Department of Public Health reports that even very low levels of lead can cause learning, behavioral, and attention difficulties in children along with organ and nervous system damage; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in January 2023 reported that as much as 20 percent of a child's lead exposure comes from lead in drinking water, and the agency deems the value of an acceptable level for health purposes is zero lead in water; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 249 (Holden) would require community water systems to test the potable water outlets for lead exposure at each school site within its service area on or before January 1, 2027 to protect children in the institutions and facilities that exist to help them learn properly; and

WHEREAS, AB 249 would focus the required lead testing to school sites built prior to January 1, 2010 and if found to exceed standard lead levels, to immediately shutdown all fountains and faucets at the location, require the results of all lead sampling to be publicly available, and expand the State Board of Education's authority to issue citations and penalties for violations and non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, at school sites found to have elevated levels of lead, AB 249 would require that parents be notified no later than 30 school-days during the academic year, or otherwise in 60 days of the results from the community water system, and each school site found with elevated lead levels would be required to ensure that a lead-free source of drinking water is provided for the pupils at each of the potable water system outlets on site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 249 (Holden), a requirement to test for lead in potable water system outlets at all public K-12 and daycare facilities and require immediate notice and remediation of sources of lead exposure under penalty of citation by the State Board of Education.

PRESENTED BY:



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