

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

**WHEREAS**, illegal sideshows in California have grown into highly organized and increasingly dangerous activities that pose risks to participants and spectators, and threaten the safety of surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a sideshow is an event in which two or more persons block or impede traffic on a highway or in an off-street parking facility for the purpose of performing motor vehicle stunts, contests, exhibitions of speed, or reckless driving for spectators; and

**WHEREAS**, these events can result in significant harm to the public at large, including potential collisions and injuries to not only participants, but also to innocent bystanders, other motorists, and first responders, in addition to causing impediments to ensuing emergency and law enforcement response; and


**WHEREAS**, current law enforcement tactics and mechanisms have been insufficient to deter the organization and participation in these events due to how quickly such gatherings are coordinated and dispersed; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1588 (Stefani) would provide enhanced penalties for engaging in, aiding, or abetting a motor vehicle exhibition of speed as part of a sideshow, including increasing fines, requiring a mandatory jail sentence, and making the offense punishable as a misdemeanor or felony if the offense proximately causes injury to another person; and

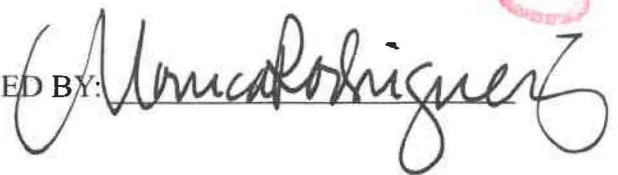
**WHEREAS**, AB 1588 (Stefani) also seeks to strengthen enforcement tools available to local jurisdictions to address these activities by revising the definition of sideshow to include the use or operation of any motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, motorcycles or off-highway motorcycles to barricade, block, impede, or obstruct traffic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025 - 2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1588 (Stefani), the Sideshow Accountability and Community Safety Act, which would close loopholes in existing sideshow laws and strengthen the ability to hold repeat offenders accountable, thereby improving public safety.

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