

## 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; and

**WHEREAS**, across California law enforcement agencies, training standards for enforcing driving under the influence (DUI) laws vary widely, leaving many traffic officers without advanced or consistent instruction in impaired driving detection; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past decade, alcohol-related deaths in California have surged by more than 50 percent, a rate of increase more than twice as steep as the national average, reflecting a serious and worsening public safety crisis on the state's roads; and

**WHEREAS**, drug-impaired driving has also risen sharply alongside alcohol-related offenses, with law enforcement agencies reporting more positive drug tests after deadly accidents, creating a more complex impairment landscape that officers must be equipped to identify and handle; and

**WHEREAS**, injuries caused by impaired drivers in Los Angeles County have risen every year for the last decade, with DUI cases growing increasingly complex—requiring specialized, up-to-date training in the science, law, and investigative techniques necessary for officers to successfully investigate and build prosecutable cases; and

**WHEREAS**, currently pending in the State Assembly is a bill, AB 1814 (Alanis), which would require specified peace officers assigned primarily to traffic enforcement to complete a National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)-approved standard field sobriety testing (FST) course within one year of assignment to traffic enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1814 seeks to improve law enforcement training surrounding the detection and enforcement of impaired driving with the hope that this may help remedy the reduced enforcement of DUI laws; and

**WHEREAS**, policies that strengthen deterrence, improve accountability, and reduce impaired driving directly support officers' core mission to protect the public, save lives, and prevent families from experiencing entirely avoidable loss.

**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 of AB 1814 (Alanis), which would require a peace officer with a rank of supervisor or below who is assigned primarily to traffic enforcement to complete a National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)-approved standard field sobriety testing (FST) course of a minimum of 16 hours within one year of their assignment to traffic enforcement, which would ensure officers are proficient in the areas of sobriety testing and report writing.

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