

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; and

WHEREAS, a series of wildfires in Southern California driven by extremely powerful Santa Ana winds, killed 12 people, and destroyed 6,837 structures, making it the tenth-deadliest and third-most destructive California wildfire on record and the most destructive to occur in the history of the City. The fire burned simultaneously with the similarly destructive Eaton Fire at the foothills of the nearby San Gabriel Mountains; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of families are still displaced from the fires and hundreds continue to rebuild; and

WHEREAS, SB 894 (Allen) would provide low interest loans for Californians to make home hardening and defensible space upgrades and lower the financial barrier to renovations that can reduce a structure's fire risk by nearly 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, this bill seeks to establish a low interest loan program that makes wildfire safety upgrades achievable for more households thereby reducing risk to better mitigate damage when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, retrofitting homes would reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires particularly in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), where a major fire event could result in billions of dollars in property damage and significant emergency response costs; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance under the program would be available to eligible properties throughout the State and would not be restricted by land classification, jurisdiction, or hazard severity zone designation; and

WHEREAS, eligible improvements would include home hardening measures consistent with California Code of Regulations requirements, defensible space activities, and smoke mitigation retrofits; and

WHEREAS, SB 894 would operate through State and private financing mechanisms – including loan loss reserves and interest rate buy-downs - administered by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA);

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 Senate Bill 894 (Allen), legislation which aims to establish the California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program for home wildfire retrofitting to ensure Californians across the state have the resources to better prevent and protect themselves against future disasters.

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