

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, extreme weather events are increasingly occurring in California. These dangerous weather events, in combination with other factors, have disrupted critical water and power services and often require utility workers to serve in first-responder roles to ensure the safety of other first responders and the general public; and

WHEREAS, modern public safety protocols often result in proactive emergency utility shutoffs designed to prevent ignitions during critical fire weather. These shutoffs, while essential for public safety, can lead to increased tension towards utility employees; and

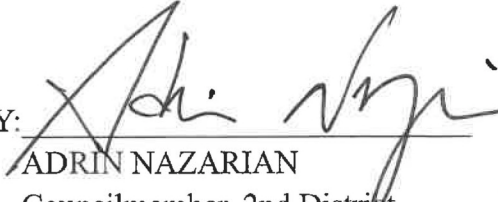
WHEREAS, utility workers provide 24/7 support for dependable and secure electric and water services in California. However, over 450 incidents of violence or threats against utility workers of California's major utility companies have been reported since 2024. SB 1330 aims to create a safer working environment for utility employees, ensuring they can carry out their duties without fear of assault or harassment; and

WHEREAS, SB 1330 would add public utility employees among the classes of workers and professionals that support health and public safety and are afforded enhanced protections against assault and battery. SB 1330 addresses escalating threats and violent incidents against public utility workers performing essential infrastructure work; and

WHEREAS, SB 1330 proposes to address these growing threats by enacting enhanced legal protections for public utility employees and other workers engaged in essential infrastructure work. By classifying assault or battery against public utility employees as a punishable offense, this bill makes an assault or battery committed against a utility worker who is engaged in the performance of their duties unlawful;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State and Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for California SB 1330, which places utility workers in the same class as other protected public service professionals and officials, ensuring they receive the same level of security under the law.

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