

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, in recent years, various faith-based communities have experienced dramatic increases in hate incidents and violence, including a pattern of protests outside houses of worship; and

WHEREAS, existing law makes it a crime to, by force, threat of force, or physical obstruction that is a crime of violence, intentionally injure, intimidate, interfere with, or attempt to injure, intimidate, or interfere with any person lawfully exercising or seeking to exercise the First Amendment right of religious freedom at a place of religious worship; and

WHEREAS, AB 2664 (Bauer-Kahan) establishes a zone around the entrances of houses of worship, within which protesters may not intentionally approach congregants without consent, designed to ensure that people can enter and exit religious institutions without being obstructed or intimidated; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the bill would prohibit any person, within a radius of 100 feet from an entrance or exit of a place of religious worship, from intentionally approaching another person or occupant of a motor vehicle, within eight feet of that person or occupant, unless consent is given; and

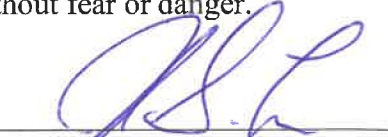
WHEREAS, the findings of AB 2664 (Bauer-Kahan) provide that it is not intended to seek to favor one viewpoint over another or to limit speech regarding any specific topic; and

WHEREAS, according to the bill's author, bubble zones are a common-sense step to ensure people of all faiths can gather safely and freely, adding that this bill takes a balanced approach that has existed for decades in other states and localities, carefully protecting both freedom of worship and freedom of speech;

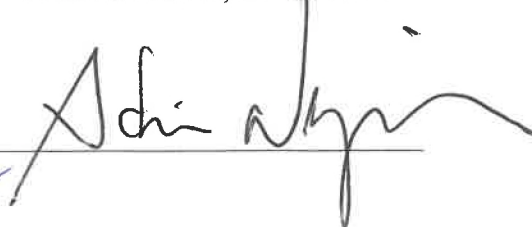
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025 - 2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2664 (Bauer-Kahan), which would ensure that the right to worship safely is protected and that all Californians have safe access to their places of worship without fear or danger.

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