

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, drunk drivers kill an average of 37 people each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 analysis has found that eight of the 10 cities with the worst driving under the influence (DUI) rates in the country are in California, with the City of Los Angeles ranked 3rd in DUIs per 100,000 drivers; and

WHEREAS, Ignition Interlock Devices (IIDs) are breathalyzers attached to a vehicle that require a motorist to blow into a mouthpiece prior to operating it, and if the individual's blood alcohol level is above the allowable limit, the vehicle will not start; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, SB 1046 (Hill) was adopted, which established an IID pilot program that requires a person who has been convicted of driving a motor vehicle under the influence more than once to install an IID for a specified period of time on any vehicles operate; and

WHEREAS, this legislation does not require the order of the installation of an IID for a first-time offender; and

WHEREAS, this legislation also includes a number of other provisions, including a variable fee schedule for individuals convicted of DUI that ensures the fees paid by a person are aligned with their income; and

WHEREAS, 35 other states and Washington D.C. require IIDs for first time offenders; and

WHEREAS, IIDs are much more effective at reducing drunk driving incidents, and 74 percent more likely to reduce repeat drunk driving incidents than other penalties; and

WHEREAS, AB 366 (Petrie-Norris and Ransom) would make permanent certain provisions of the SB 1046 Pilot Program, and require that an IID be required for a person's first criminal conviction for driving under the influence; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2025, 18-year old and Palisades resident Braun Levi was fatally struck by a drunk driver, whose license had already been suspended due to a prior drunk driving arrest; and

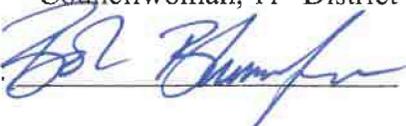
WHEREAS, a mandate for IIDs may have prevented this unspeakable tragedy;

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 366 (Petrie-Norris and Ransom), which would remove the discretion of courts to determine if a first-time driving under the influence offender must install an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) on every vehicle they operate, and makes permanent certain provisions of the IID pilot program currently in place.

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