

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) system, managed individually by each state, was designed to standardize business transactions across the country, and includes a public database to record credit and asset lien information, ensuring the proper accounting of financial debts for creditors; and

WHEREAS, debt claims include personal information such as home addresses of accused debtors, and the State does not provide notice to those who have liens placed against them; and

WHEREAS, UCC filings can be recorded by anyone willing to pay the five dollar fee, but cost thousands to remove through court filings; and

WHEREAS, across the country, anti-government actors are flooding states and counties with erroneous liens designed to punish public officials with which they disagree politically, a practice the Justice Department defines as "paper terrorism"; and


WHEREAS, false debt claims can complicate a person's ability to pass a background check or qualify for a mortgage, or a business' chances to receive credit services, effectively weaponizing the UCC recording process; and

WHEREAS, the publication of personal information allows for doxing of public officials, which is a growing concern after the assassination of Minnesota House Democratic leader Melissa Hortman and her husband at their home; and

WHEREAS, the UCC system requires serious reforms to prevent the spreading abuse of "paper terrorism" against our residents and public officials, including the notification of those filed against, a proper appeal process that does not require court intervention, and limiting the accessibility of sensitive personal information.

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 reform to the Uniform Commercial Code system including the notification of those filed against, to establish an appeal process that does not require court intervention and limiting the accessibility of sensitive personal information.

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