RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on H.R. 4759 (Gomez), the Ban Military Drones Spying on Civilians Act.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Hernandez – Yaroslavsky, et al.), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 4759 (Gomez), the Ban Military Drones Spying on Civilians Act, which would prohibit the use of certain unmanned aircraft in the United States to conduct surveillance of United States persons engaged in protests or civil disobedience, and increase congressional oversight of the use of these devices.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:
On September 12, 2025, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report dated September 9, 2025, and an August 26, 2025 Resolution (Hernandez – Yaroslavsky, et al.) relative to establishing the City's position on H.R. 4759 (Gomez), the Ban Military Drones Spying on Civilians Act. According to the Resolution, it recently came to light that the Department of Homeland Security flew a Customs and Border Patrol MQ-9 Reaper over the City of Los Angeles during protests against the Trump Administration's immigration policies. These drones are designed for war, and should not be used to surveil residents of American cities engaging in constitutionally protected activities. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES

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09/12/25

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