

RESOLUTION  
"Preventing Auto Recycling Theft Act"

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the theft of catalytic converters has become a pervasive and costly crime across the nation, impacting individuals, businesses, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the absence of identifiable markings on catalytic converters makes it exceedingly difficult for law enforcement to trace stolen parts, prosecute offenders, and recover losses for victims; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden of replacing stolen catalytic converters, coupled with the inconvenience of vehicle downtime, disproportionately affects lower-income communities and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the secondary market for stolen catalytic converters, fueled by their high scrap value, incentivizes these criminal activities; and

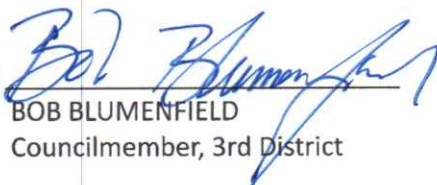
WHEREAS, S. 2238 and H.R. 5221, legislation in the United States Senate and House of Representatives known as the "Preventing Auto Recycling Theft Act" proposes a common-sense and effective solution by requiring the vehicle identification number (VIN) to be etched on catalytic converters; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of VIN stamping would create a clear deterrent for thieves, enhance the ability of law enforcement to identify stolen parts, and provide a critical tool for dismantling organized theft rings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles previously supported SB 55 (Umberg), which established a requirement that vehicles sold in California have the VIN etched on catalytic converters, but a federal requirement would be more effective given the number of out-of-state vehicles in California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 2238 and H.R. 5221, the Preventing Auto Recycling Theft Act, which would require that Vehicle Identification Numbers be etched on catalytic converters.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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