

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on S. 2238 (Klobuchar) and H.R. 5221 (Baird), the Preventing Auto Recycling Theft Act.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Blumenfield – Lee),  
SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None provided by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On October 21, 2025, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered an September 26, 2025 Resolution (Blumenfield – Lee) and CLA report dated October 20, 2025, relative to establishing the City's position on S.2238 (Klobuchar) and H.R. 5221 (Baird), the Preventing Auto Recycling Theft Act. According to the Resolution, the financial burden of replacing stolen catalytic converters, coupled with the inconvenience of vehicle downtime, disproportionately affects lower-income communities and small businesses. Further, 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. 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

| <b>COUNCILMEMBER</b> | <b>VOTE</b> |
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| HARRIS-DAWSON:       | YES         |
| RAMAN:               | YES         |
| YAROSLAVSKY:         | YES         |
| SOTO-MARTINEZ:       | YES         |
| LEE:                 | YES         |

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