

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on Senate Bill (SB) 1246 (Cortese), which would establish enhanced operational standards for autonomous vehicles.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Hernandez, Jurado – Padilla), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1246 (Cortese) to ensure that autonomous vehicles operating in the public right of way meet adequate safety standards, that emergency responders are not diverted from life-safety duties to address vehicle failures, that companies bear full responsibility for their fleets at all times, and that the California Legislature establishes timely statewide minimum standards before further expansion outpaces the regulatory framework.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On September 15, 2026, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered an April 14, 2026 Resolution (Hernandez, Jurado – Padilla), relative to establishing the City's position on SB 1246 (Cortese), which would establish enhanced operational standards for autonomous vehicles. According to the Resolution, SB 1246 represents a timely effort to address regulatory gaps and ensure that the expansion of autonomous vehicle technology does not outpace the development of appropriate safety protections and accountability measures. 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

SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

LEE: YES

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