

MOTION

WHEREAS, hateful and discriminatory rhetoric appearing in official government publications undermines public confidence in state institutions and is inconsistent with California's commitment to equality, inclusion, and respect for all communities; and

WHEREAS, California's Official State Voter Information Guide and other official election materials are taxpayer-funded publications intended to provide voters with accurate and useful information regarding candidates and ballot measures; and

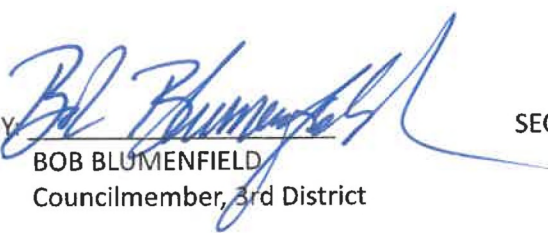
WHEREAS, under existing law, election officials have limited authority to remove candidate statements from official voter materials, even when those statements contain hateful or discriminatory content directed at individuals or protected groups; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Gail Pellerin has introduced AB 1853 (Pellerin) to establish reasonable content standards for official state election publications by prohibiting candidate statements from including attacks on individuals or groups, hateful or discriminatory content, false or misleading claims, or links to external content, while continuing to allow candidates to communicate their qualifications and policy positions; and

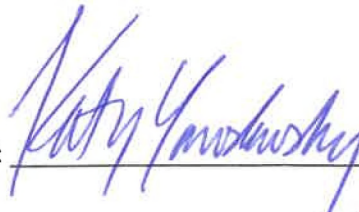
WHEREAS, the proposed legislation seeks to ensure that official state publications are not used as a platform for hate speech or discriminatory rhetoric while maintaining the integrity of California's electoral process and promoting respectful civic engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025–2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1853 (Pellerin), legislation that would prohibit hateful or discriminatory content in official state election publications and establish content standards for candidate statements appearing in state-issued voter information materials.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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