

RESOLUTION

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; and

WHEREAS, although California continues to invest in fire mitigation and response efforts following the Palisades and Altadena wildfires, the State's emergency response infrastructure is unable to meet the frequency and intensity of disasters; and

WHEREAS, while local agencies are charged with ensuring fire and emergency services can respond within adequate times in their respective jurisdiction, localities struggle to construct new fire stations due to rising costs, procedural delays, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation; and

WHEREAS, national rates suggest most cities are operating at 1.54 to 1.81 firefighters per 1,000 residents, however, the City of Los Angeles operates at .88 firefighters per 1,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, despite attempts by the City to bolster fire infrastructure, there have been instances when it has faced frivolous CEQA lawsuits, delaying vital fire station construction, creating a risk to public safety and wasting valuable taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, with an intense need for investments into fire response and mitigation, California must remove any barriers that are preventing the rapid and most cost-effective means of constructing fire infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, AB 2152 (González), introduced February 18, 2026 in the State Legislature, would exempt the construction of fire stations from CEQA review, streamlining permitting and reducing associated costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025 - 2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2152 (González), which would expedite the process of building essential fire stations in California by offering these projects a CEQA exemption, provided they meet the minimum qualifications.

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