

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 government 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 City has supported efforts to deploy broadband technology, with an emphasis on expanding access to underserved communities and cutting costs for users; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) delivers reliable, cost-effective power to more than 4 million people in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for inspecting, maintaining, replacing, and operating over 310,000 distribution utility poles throughout its service territory; and

WHEREAS, installation of broadband infrastructure equipment on electric utility poles must not compromise public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City reviews and approves broadband pole attachment applications, including, but not limited to, wind loading calculations, safe access to electrical infrastructure, and proper grounding to minimize fire and electric shock risks to the public and utility workers; and

WHEREAS, broadband infrastructure that is incorrectly attached to electric utility poles can unnecessarily increase risk to the public and utility workers for fire, electrocution, and also increase wildfire risks in communities located in High Fire Threat Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City has opposed past legislation, including AB 1027 (Buchanan), AB 2788 (Gatto), AB 57 (Quirk), SB 556 (Dodd), and administrative actions that remove local authority, especially in matters that restrict the City's ability to govern the use of our public infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2026-2027 State Legislative and Federal Legislative Programs OPPOSITION to any legislation that seeks to undermine the City's jurisdictional control over its utility assets, including any limits to the City's authority to regulate the timing or placement of wireless telecommunications facilities on such assets, and ensure such infrastructure does not jeopardize public safety.

PRESENTED BY: Adri Nazarian
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SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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