

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on Assembly Bill (AB) 35 (Alvarez), which provides an immediate exemption to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) for all funds related to Proposition 4, the California Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Nazarian – Blumenfield), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 35 (Alvarez), which seeks to honor the longstanding legislative precedent for climate-related bonds.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 17, 2026, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a March 24, 2026 CLA report and a February 6, 2026 Resolution (Nazarian – Blumenfield) relative to establishing the City's position on AB 35 (Alvarez), which provides an immediate exemption to the APA for all funds related to Proposition 4. According to the Resolution, under the APA, agencies must often complete a full regulatory package, drafting regulations, soliciting public comment, addressing objections, and securing Office of Administrative Law approval before issuing program guidelines or releasing funding, which can take 12 to 24 months or longer, even when program criteria are widely accepted or modeled on prior bond program. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the CLA's revised Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

RAMAN: YES

YAROSLAVSKY: YES

SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

LEE: ABSENT

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