

RULES & GOVERNMENT

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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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature is considering \$4 billion in cuts to public education as proposed in the Governor's 2008-2009 State Budget through reductions in spending in K-12 education and the California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, proposed education funding cuts would be in violation of voter approved Proposition 98 and therefore require legislative approval to suspend the State's constitutionally required minimum educational spending limit; and

WHEREAS, research shows that smaller class sizes impart long-term benefits to children's educational achievement, and the State of California and Los Angeles Unified School District have launched aggressive class size reduction programs; and

WHEREAS, teacher salaries have not kept pace with the increase in the cost of living in California, and schools around the country, particularly in urban, low-income communities, are facing a shortage of qualified teachers; and

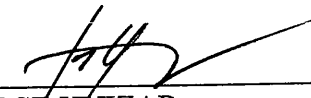
WHEREAS, cuts to funding for special education for disabled students, nutrition programs, textbooks, busing and counseling would directly impact the quality of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, these cuts average more than \$300 per student and would be another misguided and cruel attempt to balance the budget at the expense of innocent children; and


WHEREAS, this City has always stood by the less fortunate in our society and this is a time to do so again.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2008-2009 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any cuts to public education in the proposed 2008-09 State Budget.

Presented By:


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