

RESOLUTION

RULES & GOVERNMENT

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 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has the highest English Learner population in the country; and

WHEREAS, the State of California assesses the progress and classifies the proficiency of its English Learners primarily through the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) after summer break instead of testing during the school year in which English proficiency is taught; and

WHEREAS, the teachers and administrators of the CELDT who instruct students on how to prepare for the test are neither informed as to the test's design nor the types of questions to be included in the test; and

WHEREAS, pending before the State Assembly, is AB 2077 (Fuentes) English Learner Assessment Act which proposes changes to the California Education Code to improve the instruction and assessment of English Learners in California public schools; and

WHEREAS, AB 2077 would permanently ensure that required proficiency testing will be administered in the same school year in which it is taught; and

WHEREAS, AB 2077 would also require the California Department of Education to release sample CELDT questions for enhanced instruction to English Learners; and

WHEREAS, the rescheduling of the CELDT to an earlier date will offer the opportunity to assess students at the peak of their proficiency; and

WHEREAS, this measure would further the goals of the Achieving A+ Summit convened to raise academic results of all English Learners, sponsored by LAUSD in December of 2007.

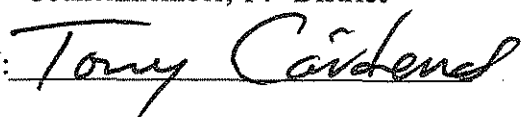
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 State Legislative Program support of AB 2077 (Fuentes) English Learner Assessment Act, which would ensure testing of English Learners before the start of the next school year and would require the release of sample questions for enhanced instruction.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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