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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 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 Los Angeles Unified School District high school drop out rate is an appalling 52%; and

WHEREAS, the causes for dropout include poor attendance, low classroom engagement, the failure of coursework, and low-quality teachers; and

WHEREAS, the drop out rate has reached crisis levels and must be quickly addressed to prevent the erosion of our youth, who represent the future of our City; and

WHEREAS, the current Los Angeles Unified School District high school curriculum is inadequate for addressing the free-falling drop out rate and preparing students for college and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California State Assembly is AB 2648 (Bass), a bill that would require the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a report that explores the feasibility of establishing multiple pathway programs in high schools; and

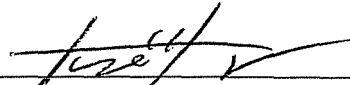
WHEREAS, multiple pathway programs are integrated curricula that offer students and their families choices amongst a variety of academic programs that teach technical skills while providing the core academics required for admission to the University of California and the California State University system; and

WHEREAS, multiple pathway programs are hybrid approaches that bridge formal classroom education with work-based learning to stimulate student engagement, increase learning, boost graduation rates, and arm graduates with the skills necessary to attend college and/or obtain well-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support multiple pathway curriculums because they offer a solution for reducing the Los Angeles Unified School District high school drop out rate and encourage students to stay engaged in school and become productive, responsible members of society;


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 for AB 2648 (Bass), that requires a report to study the feasibility of multiple pathway programs in California's high schools.

PRESENTED BY:


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