

RESOLUTION

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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, improved student achievement requires a safe and secure environment that is conducive to learning; and

Whereas, school uniforms are an essential step toward improving the safety, health, and education of our students and toward securing our City's schools; and

Whereas, the California State Legislature adopted a bill in 1994 to change its education code to allow for district-wide school uniform policies.

Whereas, numerous school districts across the country (e.g. Long Beach, New York City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia) have implemented successful school uniform policies; and

Whereas the Partnership for LA Schools and all major charter operators in Los Angeles require uniforms for elementary and middle school students; and

Whereas many schools within the Los Angeles Unified School District have chosen to require uniforms and the Board of Education recently created a task force to look into the feasibility of implementing a uniform requirement throughout the district; and

Whereas the City Attorney's office has successfully partnered with Markham Middle School in Watts to implement a safe schools initiative which includes uniforms; and

Whereas, school uniforms help maintain discipline at schools by reducing violence and disruptions associated with the wearing of gang colors and expensive clothes; and

Whereas, school uniforms remove students from the gang victim pool for wearing the "wrong" color; and

Whereas, school uniforms create a more serious and scholarly attitude among students toward school and their studies; and

Whereas, school uniforms allow teachers and administrators to readily identify those who belong on campus and those who do not; and

Whereas, school uniforms help to eliminate socio-economic distinctions between families who can and who cannot afford the latest designer clothes; and

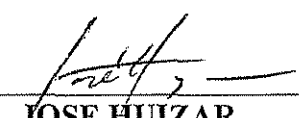
Whereas, school uniforms improve school spirit and help foster a sense of belonging to an individual school; and

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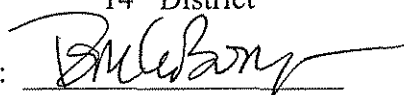
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2009-10 Legislative Program SUPPORT for any plan by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board or Superintendent to implement a mandatory district-wide school uniform policy.

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