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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 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in December 2008 that the unemployment rate for 16 to 19 year olds rose to 20.8% and the unemployment rate for African American 16 to 19 year olds rose to 33.7%; and

WHEREAS, working at a summer or year-round job teaches youth critical traits for success in life, including responsibility, respect, self confidence, and industriousness; and

WHEREAS, employment provides youth with the opportunity to supplement their family income while keeping them focused on their future, away from the influences of drugs, alcohol, and crime; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, early work experience is a positive factor on earnings potential, boosting lifetime earnings by 10 to 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the United States Senate is S. 267 (Murray), the "Summer and Year-Round Jobs for Youth Stimulus Act of 2009," that would authorize \$1 billion for summer and year-round youth jobs and training programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, S. 267 provides critical funding the City of Los Angeles can leverage towards meeting its goal of hiring 16,000 youth through the Hire LA program;

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 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 267 (Murray), which provides \$1 billion in funding to support youth employment.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

Tony Cardenas

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