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Title

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY / LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Subject

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains a nationwide network of 27 libraries that provides critical scientific information on human health and environmental protection to both EPA researchers and also to other researchers and the general public; and WHEREAS, in 2005 EPA's library staff fielded more than 134,000 database and reference questions from agency scientists and the public; and WHEREAS, proposed federal budget cuts have threatened the EPA's ability to maintain their library system; and WHEREAS, the EPA has begun undertaking a process of dismantling their library system, closing several libraries and shipping their contents to repositories where they are uncatalogued and inaccessible; and WHEREAS, the American Library Association has not been given the opportunity to provide guidance or criteria to the EPA and continues to raise significant concerns about the EPA's actions; and WHEREAS, the libraries represent an invaluable source of scientific knowledge on issues from hazardous waste to pollution control, and closing these libraries will significantly hinder the research of scientists that require access to this information for their studies. 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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of any legislation which would provide funding to the Environmental Protection Agency for the purposes of keeping its library system intact and open, and condemns the closing and dismantling of its library system and the destruction of old documents.

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