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Title

CUTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION / 2007-08 STATE BUDGET

Initiated by

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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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature is reportedly considering a \$400 million cut to public education in the 2007-2008 State Budget through suspension of cost-of-living adjustments for teachers and decreased funding for the growth of student populations; and

WHEREAS, research shows that smaller class sizes impart long-term benefits to children's educational achievement, and the State of California and Los Angeles Unified School District have launched aggressive class size reduction programs; and

WHEREAS, teachers' salaries have not kept pace with the increase in the cost of living in California, and schools around the country, particularly in urban, low-income communities, are facing a shortage of qualified teachers; and WHEREAS, these cuts would directly impact the quality of our children's education; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would be another misguided and cruel attempt to balance the budget on the backs of children; and

WHEREAS, this City has always stood by the less fortunate in our society and this is a time to do so again.

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 2007-08 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any cuts to public education in the 2007-08 State Budget.

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