

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, tobacco smoke is a hazard to the health of the general public; and

WHEREAS, existing law regulates the smoking of tobacco within specified types of publicly owned buildings and facilities that are open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services reports that creating smoke free areas help to protect the 86 percent of Californians who are non-smokers and more importantly, the health and well being of the youth; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the City of Los Angeles banned smoking within 25 feet of playground equipment, bleachers, backstops, sports courts and fields, and picnic areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the City further banned smoking on City beaches; and


WHEREAS, in 2007 the City enacted an Ordinance to prohibit smoking in all City parks except in certain designated areas; and

WHEREAS, SB 1418 (Oropeza) would make it an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100, to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette containing tobacco or another plant, at a state park, state beach, or other unit of the state park system; and

WHEREAS, smoke free environments help current smokers cut down or quit, encourages former smokers to remain smoke free, and decreases the risk that young people will smoke because they are not exposed to smoking behavior;

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 of SB 1418 (Oropeza) that would make it an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100, to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette containing tobacco or another plant, at a state park, state beach, or other unit of the state park system.

PRESENTED BY:


JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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