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RULES & GOVERNMENT

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 City of Los Angeles has been in the forefront of protecting people from the dangers of secondhand smoke through the enactment and enforcement of ordinances regulating smoking in elevators, supermarkets, offices and restaurants; and

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

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the City further banned smoking on City beaches and the City Council will soon consider a proposal to ban smoking in City parks; and

WHEREAS, existing State law makes it an infraction for a person to smoke a cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco-related product within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot sandbox area; and

WHEREAS, introduced in December 2008, SB 4 (Oropeza) would make it an infraction, punishable by a fine of \$250, for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette on a State coastal beach or a State park; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Health Services, creating smoke free areas helps protect the 86% of Californians who are non-smokers and more importantly, the health and well-being of our children is protected.

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 Legislative Program, SUPPORT for SB 4 (Oropeza) which would make it an infraction for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette on a state coastal beach or a state park.

PRESENTED BY: [Signature]
JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember
14th District

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