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RESOLUTION RULES & GOVERNMENT

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 U.S. House of Representatives recently approved an amendment to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program (H.R. 1139), which seeks to allocate \$1 Billion to hire 5,500 police officers; and

WHEREAS, the grants offered to local agencies would last for a period of three years, which is a long enough period for the City to factor in the increased payroll and pension costs into our budget for the first year that we would be fully responsible for paying associated expenses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate is now scheduled to take up the legislation, which is being carried by California Senator Barbara Boxer (S. 167), and was recently amended in the House to allow for grants to be used by agencies to hire forensic analysts and laboratory personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has in recent years put a great deal of effort into identifying additional funds to increase staffing at our DNA lab to assist with the processing of rape kits and other backlogged evidence that needs to be tested to beat statutory deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the COPS program, first launched under former President Clinton, has helped the City of Los Angeles increase the size of its sworn police force, which is now nearing a record 10,000 level thanks to City leaders' decision to devote additional resources to this goal; and

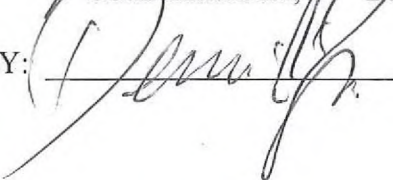
WHEREAS, the City Council just adopted a 2009-10 Budget that contains enough funds to hire 480 new cadets to allow the LAPD to replace those officers expected to be lost to attrition, but will effectively freeze the size of the department after July 1 without new resources; and

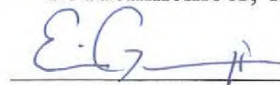
WHEREAS, the need for additional funds to hire sworn officers as well as forensic analysts and laboratory personnel is particularly acute given the City's future revenue projections, which are bleak for the next several years as our economy recovers from the current recession.

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. 167 (Boxer), which seeks to extend authorizations of appropriations for the COPS ON THE BEAT program for FY2009-FY2014.


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