

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, hybrid vehicles, which combine an electric motor with a gasoline-powered engine, have significantly higher fuel efficiency than vehicles with conventional engines alone, with most hybrid vehicles on the market getting more than 48 miles to the gallon; and

WHEREAS, by significantly decreasing fuel consumption, hybrid vehicles help to reduce the emission of pollutants into the environment and their use should therefore be encouraged as a more environmentally friendly alternative to the use of vehicles with conventional engines; and

WHEREAS, hybrid vehicles remain more expensive than conventional cars; and the State of California, in order to increase the demand for hybrid vehicles, has authorized the release of 75,000 Clean Air Vehicle Stickers to qualifying hybrid vehicles that allow drivers of those vehicles to use carpool lanes even when they are the sole occupant of the vehicle; and

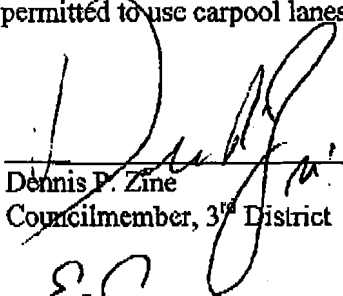
WHEREAS, the original 75,000 Clean Air Vehicle Stickers for which the State's Vehicle provides have been issued, and as of January 1, 2007, the State will allow an additional 10,000 stickers to be issued; and

WHEREAS, government agencies are the owners of many hybrid vehicles that have been issued Clean Air Vehicle Stickers, and those issued stickers count against the current 75,000 sticker cap and will count against the increased 85,000 sticker cap in 2007; and

WHEREAS, those Clean Air Vehicle Stickers represent an important incentive that encourages consumers to purchase fuel efficient and hybrid vehicles, and counting government-owned hybrid vehicles against the cap only hastens the point at which the cap is reached and eliminates the incentive the stickers provide to consumers,

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 and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would exclude Clean Air Vehicle Stickers issued to government vehicles from being counted towards the statewide 85,000 sticker cap on sole occupant hybrid vehicles permitted to use carpool lanes.

PRESENTED BY:


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