

INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS

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 gang problem in this State, and this region, is severe and must be dealt with by stricter enforcement and intervention efforts; and

WHEREAS, one aspect of this large problem is the lack of control in the family of a gang member, which sometimes is based on lack of knowledge and how to control a juvenile who is caught up in the gang culture; and

WHEREAS, a juvenile court should have more power to order involvement of the juvenile's parents in better controlling the life of their errant child; and

WHEREAS, AB 1251 (Mendoza) has been introduced to give power to a juvenile court that finds a juvenile guilty of a gang-related offense, and who is in the custody of a parent or guardian, to order the parents or guardian to attend anti-gang violence parenting classes to learn such things as how to identify gang and drug activity in children, how to effectively communicate with adolescents, to become aware of support organizations that can intervene and help by education, job training and positive recreational activities.

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 SUPPORT of AB 1251 (Mendoza) which would authorize anti-gang violence classes for parents of juveniles found in violation of gang-related offenses.

Presented by: _____

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Seconded by: _____

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