

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there were 46 deaths and 2,751 injuries as a result of alcohol-impaired driving in the City of Los Angeles in 2006; and

WHEREAS, there were 1,276 deaths as a result of alcohol-impaired driving in the State of California in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) promotes its Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, which calls for the mandatory use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) for all persons convicted of driving under the influence (DUI); and

WHEREAS, AB 2784, introduced by California State Assemblymember Mike Feuer, would require the installation of an IID on any vehicle owned or operation by a person convicted of DUI; and

WHEREAS, an IID is a mechanism that is installed in a vehicle that will only allow the vehicle to start if the driver breathes into the device and if the analyzed result is under a programmed blood alcohol concentration; and

WHEREAS, evidence for IID effectiveness is very consistent across jurisdictions with multiple studies showing an average of 65% reduction in repeat DUI offenses; and

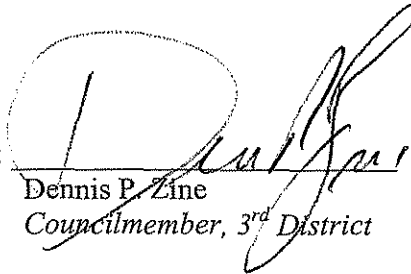
WHEREAS, in the State of New Mexico, where similar legislation has been enacted, overall DUI recidivism has decreased 30% and alcohol-involved traffic collisions have decreased 30%; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 300,000 registered drivers in California who have been convicted of three or more DUI offenses; and

WHEREAS, any person who operates a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs creates a potential, often probable, risk of grave harm to persons and property – including the driver – that should be deemed intolerable as a matter of public policy;

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 for AB 2784 (Feuer), which would require the installation of an alcohol ignition interlock device on any vehicle owned or operated by a person convicted of driving under the influence.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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