

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 government 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, graffiti harms communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, and government agencies spend millions of dollars per year on the removal of graffiti; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City's Office of Community Beautification removed more than 33 million square feet of graffiti; and

WHEREAS, graffiti can be prevented by reducing the access to spray paint cans; and

WHEREAS, implementing a per-can deposit fee on each can of spray paint, similar to the California Redemption Value (CRV) program that applies a deposit to the purchase of beverage containers that can be refunded at various stores and recycling facilities, may deter potential taggers, and encourage recycling of spray paint canisters; and

WHEREAS, the funds collected from this deposit could be used to fund graffiti abatement programs throughout the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2007-08 State Legislative Program Sponsorship of any legislation or administrative action which would establish a per-can deposit program for spray paint to be used to fund graffiti abatement programs.

PRESENTED BY:   
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SECONDED BY: 

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