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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, there were 1,276 deaths as a result of alcohol-impaired driving in the State of California in 2006, of which 46 deaths were in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 310,000 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;

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, 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

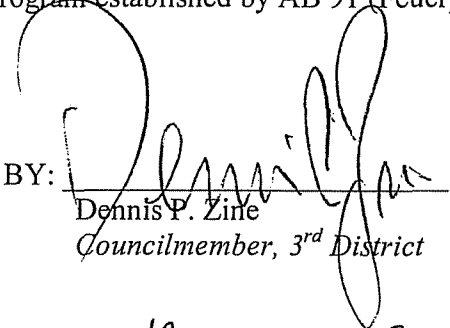
WHEREAS, evidence for IID effectiveness is very consistent across jurisdictions with multiple studies showing an average of 65% reduction in repeat DUI offenses; and

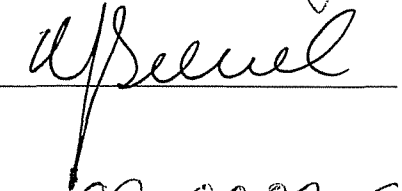
WHEREAS, AB 91, introduced by California State Assemblymember Mike Feuer, would establish a pilot program that would require the installation of an IID on any vehicle owned or operated by a person convicted of DUI; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program would take effect in four California counties from July 1, 2010 to January 1, 2015; and

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 91 (Feuer), which establish a pilot program that 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby urges the Legislature to include Los Angeles County as one of the counties selected to participate in the pilot program established by AB 91 (Feuer).

PRESENTED BY: 
Dennis P. Zine
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: 

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