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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically supported the restaurant and food services industries through financial incentives and business support programs, including during the COVID-19 pandemic when the City relaxed outdoor dining restrictions to keep restaurants open; and

WHEREAS, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, over 90,000 restaurants have closed down around the country, in part due to economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of outdoor dining and related measures supports restaurants by providing flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances and customer desires, ensuring restaurants remain competitive and profitable; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 592 (Gabriel), introduced on February 12, 2025, and currently before the California State Assembly Standing Committee on Health, seeks to enact legislation to allow for permanent outdoor, patio, and al fresco dining at restaurants, among other changes; and

WHEREAS, enacting AB 592 would allow restaurants to serve customers in open-air environments without the fear of sudden regulatory change, and enable restaurants to fully operate their businesses with open sections to take advantage of the City's famous climate, providing options for restaurants to attract potential customers; and

WHEREAS, support for AB 592 would be consistent with the City's historical encouragement and support of the restaurant industry in Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 592 (Gabriel), which would allow for permanent outdoor, patio, and al fresco dining at restaurants, among other changes.

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