

**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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has a shortage of registered nurses (RNs), with only 995 RNs per 100,000 people, ranking 40th out of 50 states; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the California Board of Registered Nursing reported that nearly 64,300 students applied for just 16,600 spots in nursing degree programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the National Academy of Medicine recommended that 80 percent of the nurse workforce should have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or higher by 2020; and

WHEREAS, in California, public BSN programs have an average tuition price of approximately \$39,000, which is significantly more affordable than private BSN programs, which have an average tuition of \$130,000; and

WHEREAS, California needs to provide more affordable opportunities for obtaining a nursing degree to address the RN shortage; and

WHEREAS, the City should support SB 895 (Roth) to create an accessible, inexpensive option for obtaining a nursing degree at designated community colleges, leading to the graduation of more credentialed RNs within the State's existing public school system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 895 (Roth), which would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop a Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

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