

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators (911 Operators) obtain vital information in a variety of emergency incidents that form the foundation of an effective emergency response by law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service personnel; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators frequently talk individuals through first aid, route requests for additional emergency resources by first responders and communicate with people under extreme stress, in a crisis, all while gathering pertinent information; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are exposed to extreme emotional and physical stress as a part of their job; and

WHEREAS, research has indicated that Public Safety Telecommunicators are exposed to levels of trauma that can lead to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; and

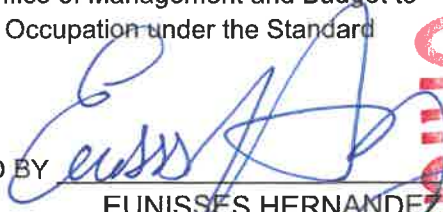
WHEREAS, H.R. 6319 (Torres/ Fitzpatrick) would direct the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to update its classification for public safety telecommunicators (9-1-1 operators) as a protective service within the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog; and

WHEREAS, the Standard Occupational Classification system is designed and maintained solely for statistical purposes, and is used by federal statistical agencies to classify workers and jobs into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, analyzing, or disseminating data; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6319 would correct an inaccurate representation in federal data about the work done by Public Safety Telecommunicators, and ensure that they are classified based on the work they perform; 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 2023 - 2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 6319 (Torres/ Fitzpatrick), the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2023 (911 SAVES Acts), which would require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to categorize Public Safety Telecommunicators as a Protective Service Occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System.

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