

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

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, under existing law a “first responder” is defined as an employee of the state or a local public agency who provides emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, currently the law makes it a misdemeanor to impersonate certain first responders, including a member of a fire department or police department; and

WHEREAS, AB 469 (Gabriel), recently introduced in the State Legislature, seeks to strengthen penalties for impersonating first responders during a state of emergency; and


WHEREAS, AB 469 (Gabriel) was introduced as a reaction to the devastating wildfires which affected the Los Angeles region in January 2025 that led to more than two dozen arrests of people accused of looting in fire zones, with some allegedly impersonating firefighters to avoid law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, AB 469 seeks to deter unlawful activity and help ensure public safety;

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 469 (Gabriel), which would enact legislation that would strengthen the penalties for impersonating first responders during a state of emergency.

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