

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, the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21400(b) requires that a local authority round speed limits to the nearest five miles per hour of the 85th percentile of the free flowing traffic; and

WHEREAS, a local authority may round down to the lowest five miles per hour increment where the speed limits must be rounded but the CVC prohibits further reduction of the speed limit for any reason; and

WHEREAS, California's process for setting speed limits has proven to unintentionally increase speeds over time and often results in the City raising speed limits on streets with an already high incidence of death and serious injury, which is inconsistent with the City's Vision Zero goals to eliminate traffic deaths; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2021, AB 43 (Friedman - Ting - Chiu - Quirk) was amended to allow local authorities to consider other factors in setting speed limits and make other changes to existing law related to lowering speed limits on state highways; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program includes support of legislation that would bring down speeds on the streets where there are a high number of serious and fatal crashes, bring down speeds on more local streets without undue cost, modify the requirement for an engineering and traffic survey for school zones, protect older adults by expanding flexibility for school zones to also lower speed for other vulnerable populations, match posted speed limits with operating speeds on streets that are already slow, and maintain consistent speed limits over time; and

WHEREAS, passage of AB 43 would allow the City to thoughtfully revise speed limits, as appropriate, to protect all roadway users;

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 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 43 (Friedman - Ting - Chiu - Quirk) that would authorize local authorities flexibility in setting and lowering speed limits.

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