

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 COVID-19 pandemic upended the nation's economy, displaced workers, and caused historic rates of unemployment from which the country is still recovering; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress is set to pass massive legislation to fund the repair and construction of old and new infrastructure nationwide, including significant investments here in the City; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to invest in our residents' education and skills in order to maximize these federal investments and ensure that our residents are not excluded from these employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the House of Representatives and the Senate are two bills, HR 2459 (Bonamici) and S 1078 (Kaine), the Building U.S. Infrastructure by Leveraging Demands for Skills (BUILDS) Act, and HR 602 (Scott) and S 200 (Murray), the Relaunching America's Workforce Act, which would both implement federal grant programs to invest in workforce training and adult education and boost employment; and

WHEREAS, these bills would collectively authorize billions of dollars in funding for apprenticeships, employment services, job training, adult and technical education, community college-private employer partnerships, re-employment programs, and job centers; and

WHEREAS, the City should be proactive in improving worker training, retention, and advancement across infrastructure industries, which are crucial to supporting the City's streets, sewers, sidewalks, and energy and public transit systems;

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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 2459 (Bonamici) and S 1078 (Kaine), the Building U.S. Infrastructure by Leveraging Demands for Skills (BUILDS) Act, and HR 602 (Scott) and S 200 (Murray), the Relaunching America's Workforce Act, which would implement federal grant programs to fund demand-driven workforce training, including worked-based learning and apprenticeship programs, to help train workers and meet increased employer demands.

PRESENTED BY: 
 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
 Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: 

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