

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, AB 2419 (Bryan, Garcia, Stone, Stern), as introduced, pertains to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Act) and the creation of the Justice40 Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides federal funds to rebuild the nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Justice40 Initiative is a whole-of-government effort to ensure that federal agencies work with states and local communities to make good on President Biden's promise to deliver at least 40 percent of federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, AB 2419 seeks to meet this objective by requiring a minimum of 40% of the funds received by the State under the Act be allocated to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities; and a minimum of an additional 10% be allocated for projects that provide direct benefits to low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, this bill would also establish the Justice40 Oversight Committee in the Office of Planning and Research to perform various actions related to the expenditure of those federal funds; and

WHEREAS, this bill would require the Committee, by December 31, 2024, to provide an interim report, and by December 31, 2027, to provide a final report, to various entities, including the Legislature, on various subjects related to the expenditure of the federal funds; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the most impacted, frontline, environmental justice communities be represented on the Justice40 Oversight Committee; and that investments made in these communities do not increase environmental justice challenges faced by these communities;

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 2419 (Bryan, Garcia, Stone, Stern) which would require a minimum of 40% of funds received by the State under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act be allocated to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities, and related matters, IF AMENDED to ensure:

- The most environmentally impacted communities, with CalEnviroScreen scores within the top 10%, are properly represented on the Justice40 Oversight Committee; and
- That investments made in these communities do not increase environmental justice challenges faced by the communities.

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PRESENTED BY 
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SECONDED BY: 

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