

## 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**, in order to consolidate administration and ensure the consistency of hazardous materials regulation, existing state law establishes Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) to administer unified hazardous materials programs at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, CUPAs are responsible for environmental assessment and corrective action in relation to the generation of hazardous waste, with said responsibilities fulfilled in Los Angeles by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) CUPA through the Hazardous Materials Regulatory Program; and

**WHEREAS**, as outlined by a 1997 Participating Agency Agreement, the Los Angeles County CUPA implements the Hazardous Waste Program and Emergency Response in partnership with the City of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years the County CUPA has not met program expectations and objectives, creating a backlog of inspections and enforcement actions that have resulted in a number of preventable hazardous material incidents that threaten public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to address these challenges, the City and County entered into dispute resolution negotiations, and in 2008, entered into a Program Improvement Agreement (PIA), the objectives of which were not satisfactorily met by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has applied to the California Environmental Protection Agency to assume sole administration of the Hazardous Waste Program and Emergency Response currently implemented by the County, allowing the City to dedicate the appropriate level of resources to enforce hazardous waste regulations;

**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 administrative action which would allow the Los Angeles Fire Department Certified Unified Program Agency to assume sole administration of the Hazardous Waste Program and Emergency Response.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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