

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 Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (EMS Act) regulates emergency medical services (EMS) in California through a two-tier, state-county system of regulation; and

WHEREAS, at the county level, local EMS agencies (LEMSAs) are responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating county or regional EMS systems, approving and contracting with Ems providers, and maintaining medical control over the EMS system; and

WHEREAS, efforts by LEMSA's to privatize these essential public services resulted in increased costs to citizens, a reduction in EMS provided, and in some cases, a failure to deliver timely, life-saving services; and

WHEREAS, in response, the State Legislature enacted SB 438 which prohibits LEMSA's from using their medical control authority to unilaterally prevent fire agencies' responses or alter fire agencies' deployments of emergency resources within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, SB 443 clarifies that by enacting SB 438 in 2019, the Legislature intended to limit LEMSA's medical control authority over fire agencies; and

WHEREAS, SB 443 also clarifies that a city or fire district does not lose control of its own EMS authority if it enters into a JPA with a county. This ensures JPAs remain a useful tool in the EMS context, but without fear of a city or fire district losing administration of their own EMS by entering a JPA; and

WHEREAS, SB 443 resolves longstanding uncertainty regarding EMS service levels under the EMS Act, defining "Level of EMS " to include basic life support and advanced life support.

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 SB 443 (Hertzberg), which would clarify the intent of SB 438 and ensure governing bodies of fire agencies can make policy decisions regarding their services based on their communities' needs.

PRESENTED BY



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