

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the agricultural industry generates approximately \$50 billion in annual revenues in California and supports 1.2 million jobs statewide; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, California enacted the Agricultural Labor Relations Act (ALRA) to regulate agricultural labor relations; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the ALRA is to protect the rights of agricultural employees to organize and to designate representatives to negotiate the terms and conditions of their employment; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board administers the ALRA at regional field offices in California's agricultural centers; and

WHEREAS, under the ALRA, farmworkers are currently allowed to cast their ballots in person at a regional office; and

WHEREAS, the State has made changes in recent years to make it easier for voters to participate in elections, such as mail-in voting, and these changes should be extended to farmworkers who vote in union representation elections; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature is currently considering AB 2183 (Stone), which would enable farm workers to vote in-person or to use new options to vote by mail or drop off a ballot card at a regional Agricultural Labor Relations Board office; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is consistent with existing City practices that ensure the public is able to participate in elections in a manner that works best for their needs, and should be supported;

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 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2183 (Stone), which would allow farmworkers during union representation elections to choose between the current in-person voting method, or to use new options to vote by mail or to drop off ballot cards at a regional Agricultural Labor Relations Board office.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:

JUL 29 2022

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