

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; and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest pursuant to a warrant or without a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a public offense in the officer's presence; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, it is unlawful to disobey the lawful order, signal, or direction of a uniformed peace officer performing any duties pursuant to the Vehicle Code or to refuse to submit to any lawful vehicular inspection authorized by the Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, Senator Bradford introduced SB 50, which stated the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to limiting a peace officer's authority to initiate pretextual stops to reduce racial profiling and the harm stemming from such stops; and

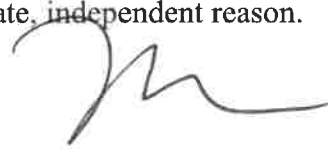
WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, SB 50 was amended to expressly prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists; and


WHEREAS, traffic stops for minor, non-safety-related traffic infractions, which often are racially-biased, have the ability to rapidly escalate with deadly consequences; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will especially help to protect Californians of color from unnecessary harm and ensure that law enforcement is focused on community safety by preventing and solving serious crimes; and

WHEREAS, SB 50 provides technical clarification to ensure that local jurisdictions have sufficient flexibility to explore non-law enforcement approaches to traffic safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 50 (Bradford) that would prohibit a peace officer from initiating a traffic stop for a low-level violation, unless there is a separate, independent reason.

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