

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 2022, there were 312 traffic deaths in the City of Los Angeles, with most victims being people walking or bicycling, the highest number in more than 20 years; and unsafe speed was the most common primary collision factor for all crashes that resulted in a fatality or injury; and

WHEREAS, on a national level, according to the National Safety Council, vehicle miles traveled dropped 13% in 2020, but the mileage death rate went up 24%, the highest estimated year-over-year jump in 96 years. Over 42,000 Americans lost their lives to traffic collisions in 2020, and an estimated 4.8 million road users were seriously injured last year; and

WHEREAS, the speed that a vehicle travels significantly increases the likelihood of death or serious injuries in an accident; and

WHEREAS, the California State Transportation Agency's January 2020 "CalSTA Report of Findings: AB 2363 Zero Fatalities Task Force" concluded that international and domestic studies show that speed safety measures are an effective countermeasure to speeding; and studies have shown the such street safety tools have reduced traffic collisions, deaths and injuries by 70 percent in some cities; and

WHEREAS, AB 645 (Friedman-Santiago-Ting) would authorize a speed safety system pilot program, including automated speed enforcement, in Los Angeles and other specified cities; and

WHEREAS, AB 645 includes protections to ensure that automated speed enforcement is used on streets where they are needed for safety reasons and prove to be effective at reducing speeding; includes various consumer protection and privacy conditions; and requires that revenues be used only for program costs or construction of traffic calming measures; and

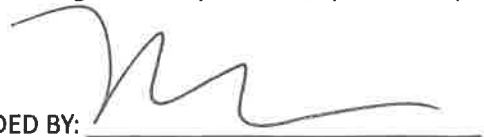
WHEREAS, AB 645 would require the Los Angeles City Council to opt in to an automated speed enforcement system; and AB 645 is consistent with the City's Vision Zero policy to reduce traffic fatalities and collisions, and similar to AB 2336 (Friedman-Ting) and AB 550 (Chiu), legislation which the City supported in 2022 and 2021, respectively;

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 2022-2023 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 645 (Friedman-Santiago-Ting) that would authorize the City of Los Angeles to implement a speed safety pilot program.

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