

File Number

04-0002-S69

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6/28/2004

Title

SUPPORT FOR AB 2871

Initiated By

LaBonge Mover 2004 / Garcetti / Perry / Greuel

Subject

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, AIDS is a public health crisis in the City of Los Angeles, with approximately 30,000 people in the City infected with HIV or AIDS; and WHEREAS, clean needle and syringe exchange programs are" scientifically proven to prevent the spread of HIV without increasing drug use or crime; and WHEREAS, clean needle and syringe exchange programs are important linkages to substance abuse treatment and healthcare for many injection drug users; and WHEREAS, clean syringe exchange programs (SEPs) in the City of Los Angeles removed nearly 1,000,000 contaminated syringes from the streets of Los Angeles in fiscal year 2002-2003; and WHEREAS, existing California law requires local jurisdictions to declare a local emergency due to the existence of a public health crisis in order to protect local syringe exchange programs from prosecution, and WHEREAS, the requirement to continually renew the declaration is cumbersome and inefficient for local governments and jeopardizes syringe exchange programs as critical public health program, because events such as a lack of quorum or council recesses can cause a lapse in re-authorization; and WHEREAS, an interruption in the operation of syringe exchange programs in the City of Los Angeles would result in an increase HIV transmission among residents; and WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 2871, introduced by California Assembly Member **Berg** would remove the need to continually renew a declaration of emergency; 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 2004-2005 Federal and State Legislative Programs SUPPORT for California Assembly Bill 2871 (**Berg**), Clean needle and syringe exchange: AIDS and hepatitis.
REFER TO COUNCIL FILES 04-0002-S72 and 04-0776

Date Received

4/14/2004

File History

4-14-04 - This day's Council session

4-14-04 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee

4-14-04 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk

4-22-04 - For ref - Communication from Chief Legislative Analyst relative to SUPPORTING AB 2871 (**Berg**) which would remove the need for local governments to continually renew a declaration of emergency to operate clean needle and syringe exchange programs, as recommended by Resolution (LaBonge - Garcetti - Perry).

4-23-04 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk - to Committee Clerk

6-8-04 - Council Action - CONTINUED TO June 15, 2004

6-15-04 - Council Action - CONTINUED TO June 22, 2004

6-22-04 - Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee report ADOPTED *AS AMENDED (see attached motion), subject to the concurrence of the Mayor to ADOPT the accompanying Resolution (LaBonge - Garcetti - Perry) thereby establishing a position of SUPPORT in the City's 2004-05 Legislative Program for AB 2871 (**Berg**), the Clean Needle and Syringe Exchange, which would remove the need for local governments to continually renew a Declaration of Emergency to operate clean needle and syringe exchange programs - Resolution ADOPTED

6-22-04 - *Verbal Motion - LaBonge Mover 2004 / Hahn - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee report and RESOLUTION (Item No. 14, CF 04-0002-S69) relative to supporting Assembly Bill (AB) 2871 (**Berg**), the Clean Needle and Syringe Exchange program to establish a position of SUPPORT in the City's 2004-05 Legislative Program and SEEK AMENDMENT to remove any requirement that needle exchange programs be agents or employees of the local jurisdiction.

6-23-04 - File to Mayor FORTHWITH

6-25-04 - Mayor's message concurred in action of June 22, 2004

6-28-04 - File to Calendar Clerk