

**File Number**

04-0002-S80

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6/29/2004

**Title**

INTEGRATE HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFORMATION

**Initiated By**

Villaraigosa Mover 2004 / Garcetti

**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, **Hepatitis C** Virus (HCV) infects approximately 180,000 residents of Los Angeles County and it is estimated that 5,000 new infections occur in the State of California each year; and WHEREAS, **Hepatitis C** is responsible for an estimated 8,000-10,000 deaths in the United States every year and that number is likely to triple within the next 10-20 years unless effective interventions are developed. WHEREAS, approximately one quarter of individuals infected with HIV are also infected with **Hepatitis C**; and WHEREAS, HIV accelerates **Hepatitis C** disease progression and as a result HCV-related end-stage liver disease has become a leading cause of death for people living with HIV. WHEREAS, approximately half of individuals infected with **Hepatitis C** develop chronic liver disease and **Hepatitis C** is now the leading cause of liver transplants in the United States; and WHEREAS, **Hepatitis C** is typically asymptomatic and may therefore be transmitted unknowingly; and WHEREAS, injection drug "users account for more than half of **Hepatitis C** transmission in the United States; and WHEREAS, treatment is available for **Hepatitis C** such that the virus may be rendered undetectable; and WHEREAS, services for the prevention, testing, and treatment of **Hepatitis C** are largely lacking in Los Angeles; and WHEREAS, although **Hepatitis C**, and **Hepatitis C**/HIV co-infection have become a crisis in Los Angeles, awareness of **Hepatitis C** is very low, and many people are not aware that they are at risk and should seek testing or treatment; 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 legislative or administrative action which would enhance the prevention, testing, and treatment of **Hepatitis C**, and URGE the County of Los Angeles to sponsor legislation which would enhance the prevention, testing, and treatment of **Hepatitis C**. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles encourages all City departments, particularly those with HIV-related programming such as the AIDS Coordinator's Office and Housing Department, to integrate **Hepatitis C** information into programming wherever possible to

create greater awareness of the disease among City staff, contractors and the residents of Los Angeles.

**Date Received**

4/23/2004

**File History**

4-23-04 - This day's Council session

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

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

5-21-04 - For ref - Communication from the Chief Legislative Analyst 04-04-0645 relative to the SUPPORT for legislative or administrative action which would enhance the prevention, testing, and treatment of **Hepatitis C**.

5-21-04 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee

5-24-04 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk

6-23-04 - Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee report ADOPTED \*AS AMENDED, subject to the approval of the Mayor to:

1. ADOPT the accompanying Resolution thereby establishing a position of SUPPORT in the City's 2003-2004 Legislative Program for:

a. Senate Bill (S) 1143 (Hutchinson) and House of Representatives Bill (HR) 3539 (Wilson), the **Hepatitis C** Epidemic Control and Prevention Act.

\*b. Concurrent Resolution No. 244 relative to **Hepatitis C** awareness. \*(Villaraigosa - Garcetti)

c. Any legislative and/or administrative action which would:

1) Enhance the prevention, testing, and treatment of **Hepatitis C**.

2) Urge the County of Los Angeles to sponsor legislation which would enhance the prevention, testing, and treatment of **Hepatitis C**.

2. INSTRUCT all City departments, particularly those with HIV-related programming such as the AIDS Coordinator's Office and the Housing Department, to integrate **Hepatitis C** information into programming wherever possible to create greater awareness of the disease among City staff, contractors, and the residents of Los Angeles.

6-25-04 - File to Mayor FORTHWITH

6-28-04 - Mayor's message concurred in action of June 23, 2004

6-29-04 - File to Calendar Clerk