

INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RESOLUTION RELATIONS

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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, the State of California has legislated and initiated a Three Strikes law which allows nonviolent and non-serious offenders to receive 24 years-to-life sentences or greater in prison; and

WHEREAS, such sentences are cruel and unjust, in violation of the 8th amendment to the constitution which requires proportionality in sentencing; and

WHEREAS, such sentences are increasing the State of California's tax burden by billions of dollars for a growing prison industrial complex when spending in other areas such as eradication are in desperate need of increased funding at a time when state and local governments are in crisis; and

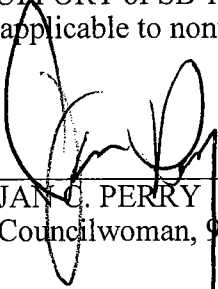
WHEREAS, such sentences are upheld primarily against the poor and minorities, causing families to be destroyed, tax bases undermined and social services greatly affected, and drug addiction is the overwhelming cause of non-violent crimes and drug addiction is a treatable sickness; and


WHEREAS, currently pending in the State Legislature is a bill, SB 1642 by Senator Romero which would provide that if the current felony is not a serious or violent felony the felon would be sentenced to the enhancement under the 3 strikes provisions that is applicable to a person with one prior conviction. These provisions would not apply if the felony is a drug offense, a felony sex offense, involved the use of firearms or deadly weapons, or involved great bodily injury, or if any of the prior offenses was a sexually violent offense, any of certain sex offenses involving a child, homicide, or a serious or violent felony punishable by life imprisonment or death; and

WHEREAS, the Council must work towards improving the quality of life for all and enhance public safety in Los Angeles by improving the City's ability to care for all its residents;

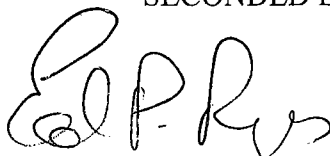
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2005-2006 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 1642 (Romero) which would amend California's Three Strikes law so it is not applicable to nonviolent or non-serious offenses.

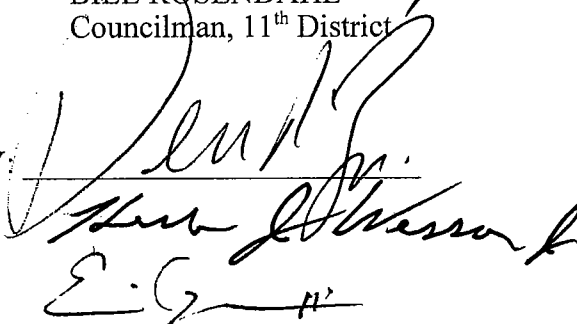
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