

INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS

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, notary public services are a critical link in securing legally executed documents; and

WHEREAS, State law controls how notary public services are offered and managed in California; and

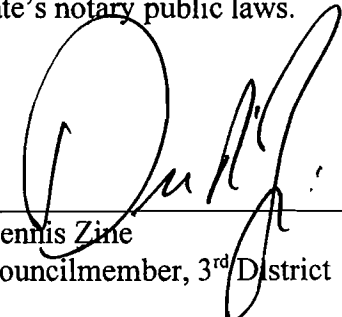
WHEREAS, a thumb print is currently required only for a limited number of official acts that are notarized, a notary may determine identity based on personal knowledge, a notary may choose a place to serve as their principal place of business, and the Secretary of State is the sole authority charged with enforcing notary laws; and

WHEREAS, AB 886 (Runner) seeks to amend State notary laws to ensure that thumb prints are obtained on all official actions by a notary, that law enforcement agencies are not precluded from accessing notary documents as evidence in a crime, that post office boxes are no longer accepted as acceptable places of business, and that peace officers would be able to enforce notary laws in addition to the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, these amendments would improve the data collection responsibilities of notaries and enhance the ability of law enforcement to obtain evidence in a crime and enforce notary laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 886 to amend the State's notary public laws.

Presented by: _____


Dennis Zine
Councilmember, 3rd District

Seconded by: _____

