

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, California is one of only five States that does not have a process for revoking peace officer certification as a result of misconduct; and

WHEREAS, currently, allegations of police misconduct are often only investigated by local law enforcement agencies where the misconduct occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Bane Act, which provides a private right of action for damages against any person, including peace officers, who "interferes," or "attempts to interfere by threat, intimidation, or coercion," with the exercise or enjoyment of rights under California or federal law, has been undermined in recent years; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are entrusted with extraordinary powers, including the power to carry a firearm, to stop and search people, to arrest individuals, and to use force, and they should be held to the highest standards of accountability; and

WHEREAS, SB 731 (Bradford) would ensure that peace officers who engage in misconduct or who are convicted of crimes are decertified by the State, and not allowed to work as a peace officer anywhere in the State; and

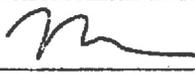
WHEREAS, SB 731 would also empower the State Department of Justice to investigate allegations of misconduct by peace officers in the State, ensuring that outside and independent review of these allegations can be obtained; and

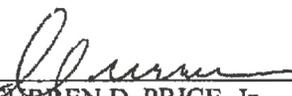
WHEREAS, SB 731 would ensure that the Bane Act can be used to seek civil remedy against individuals who violate the rights of Californians while acting as a peace officer; and

WHEREAS, SB 731 would ensure that bad police officers can be removed from duty and held to account for their actions;

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 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 731 (Bradford), which would create a statewide process to revoke the peace officer status of individuals convicted of certain serious crimes or terminated from employment as a peace officer due to misconduct, and empower the California Department of Justice to investigate allegations of police misconduct and strengthen existing California civil rights laws to prevent law enforcement abuses.

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