

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 government 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 County of Los Angeles through its Health Department instituted a system of inspections at area restaurants for compliance with health and safety codes; and

WHEREAS, County health inspectors awarded letter grades which must be posted by the inspected restaurant; and

WHEREAS, local schools, including schools under the administration of the Los Angeles Unified School District, have been from time-to-time criticized for the lack of facility cleanliness including bathroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County system of restaurant inspections has proven to be very successful giving area residents greater confidence in the cleanliness of local restaurants and allowing them to select restaurants based on grades received by County health inspectors; and

WHEREAS, all schools located in Los Angeles County could greatly benefit from an independent inspection program such as the one the County employs for restaurants; and

WHEREAS, given the series of health alerts from e-coli to swine-flu, it is imperative that an independent health inspection agency, such as the Los Angeles County Department of Health, undertake a program of inspections aimed at local schools with priority focused on K-12 institutions;

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 2009-2010 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for and encourages the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to undertake, a system of health and safety inspections at all area schools including the awarding of a grade based on those inspections.

PRESENTED BY: _____

JAN PERRY
Councilwoman, 9th District

SECONDED BY: _____