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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has demonstrated strong commitment toward ensuring the realization of human rights for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has high aspirations and standards for its children and families and is constantly seeking ways to improve their lives and ensure an environment that protects children's health; and

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989 and became effective as an international treaty on September 2, 1990; and

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the only international human rights treaty to recognize the vital role of the family and the parent child relationship; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Somalia are the only two countries that have not ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child enhances Los Angeles's stature as a municipal leader in promoting the care and well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the City Council is consistent with Los Angeles's past support of securing fundamental rights for the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child affirms Los Angeles's commitment to protect children and promote their rights; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Los Angeles City Council strongly support the efforts of the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force to educate their communities and the City of Los Angeles about the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, the Convention would provide a single, comprehensive framework within which the diverse arms of the Los Angeles city government can assess and address, in a consistent manner, the rights and protections of our children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Los Angeles City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor do hereby affirm their support for the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and will advance policies and practices that are in line with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all city agencies and organizations that address issues directly affecting the City's children.

PRESENTED BY: Eric Garcetti  
ERIC GARCETTI  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Bill Puller

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