

# Attachment "K"

## RESOLUTION

## RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 ability to establish the Post Office is described and detailed under Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution, with Benjamin Franklin serving as the first Postmaster General, appointed in 1775 ; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the daily life of all Americans, including their ability to vote safely and without interruption in all 50 states; and,

WHEREAS, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy was appointed in June of 2020, and immediately began obstructive changes at the United States Post Office, including the firing of most senior staff, removing post office boxes and mail sorting machines, eliminating overtime and other measures intended to keep mail service delivery on-time; and,

WHEREAS, in early August the U.S. Post Office gave notice to 46 states that it could **not ensure that all ballots cast in the November election will be delivered on time and be counted**; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump has stated his desire to privatize the functions of the U.S. Post Office, and on August 13th, 2020 was quoted by the Los Angeles Times stating that he would veto any funding effort aimed at ensuring timely and uninterrupted delivery, citing the upcoming Presidential Election; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee introduced H.R. 8015 "Delivering for America" Act, declaring that there will be no changes to the operation, functions, postal standards, and purpose of the U.S. Post Office that would have the impact of delaying mail, or allowing for the non-delivery of mail to a route, while under the COVID-19 Pandemic declaration; and,

WHEREAS, the Congress must act to ensure that the United States Post office succeeds in its mission to provide services throughout the Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its ~~2020-2021~~ <sup>2019-2020</sup> Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 8015 "Delivering for America" Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office's functions, while ensuring the timely delivery of mail and parcel delivery for all Americans across the country.

PRESENTED BY:

Mitch O'Farrell

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SECONDED BY:

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