


CITY COUNCIL
CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVED
3/16/09

MARCH 16, 2009

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 351 (SALAS), AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51222 OF THE EDUCATION CODE, DESIGNATING ALTERNATIVES FOR HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.

INITIATED BY: MAYOR JEFFREY PRANG
(Jake Stevens, Council Deputy) 

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution supporting AB 351 (Salas), which would amend Section 51222 of the Education Code to recognize marching band and drill team (color guard) as substitutes for high school physical education courses in grades 10-12.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 09-³⁷⁸², "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING AB 351 (SALAS), AN ACT TO AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51222 OF THE EDUCATION CODE, DESIGNATING ALTERNATIVES FOR HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.
2. Direct staff to send copies of signed resolutions to State Assemblymembers Mary Salas and Mike Feuer, State Senator Fran Pavley, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass and Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

Assembly Bill 351 was introduced on February 19, 2009 by Assemblymember Mary Salas, proposing to recognize marching band and drill team (color guard) as a substitute for physical education (gym class) credit for high school students in grades 10-12.

Existing law requires all pupils who are not otherwise exempt, to attend courses in physical education for a total period of time of no less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays. With the earliest possible hearing date before the Assembly Education Committee set for March 25, 2009 this legislation addresses the pressing need to provide public school students a diversity of enrichment opportunities, while encouraging consistent, vigorous physical activity outside the classroom.

Band and color guard classes draw students from a range of backgrounds and experiences who may find these outlets more meaningful than organized, team athletics. This bill would require that only specified programs and courses qualify toward meeting this requirement, including interscholastic athletic programs, marching band and drill team.

While the bill would also make other technical and clarifying changes to the education code, it successfully advances the mission of providing California students a more robust and diverse educational experience.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020:

This item is consistent with West Hollywood's ongoing strategic goals of **community education, active participation in regional issues and enhancing the cultural and creative life of the community.**

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

Office of City Lobbyist Helyne Meshar

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Text of Proposed Resolution NO. 09-~~3782~~ Supporting AB 351 (Salas)
2. Text of AB 351 (Salas)

RESOLUTION NO. 09-3782

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 351 (SALAS),
AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51222 OF THE
EDUCATION CODE, DESIGNATING
ALTERNATIVES FOR HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL
EDUCATION CREDIT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, It is in the common interest that public school students be presented with a diversity of enrichment opportunities, while encouraging consistent, vigorous physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Existing state law requires all pupils who are not otherwise exempt to attend courses in physical education for a total period of time no less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays; and

WHEREAS, Current requirements for pupils' physical activity is intended to encourage mental and physiological wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Band and drill team (color guard) provide a worthwhile substitute for physical education (gym class) credit for high school students in grades 10-12 and offer comparable exercise that more than satisfy physical education requirements; and

WHEREAS, Band and drill team classes draw students from a range of backgrounds and experiences who may find these outlets more meaningful than organized, team athletics; and

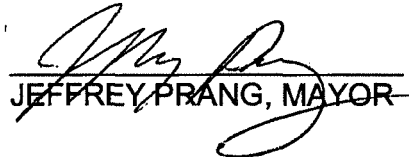
WHEREAS, This bill would require that only specified programs and courses qualify toward meeting physical education requirements, including interscholastic athletic programs, marching band, drill team; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Hollywood has been a longtime advocate for creativity and innovation in education, and this initiative advances the mission of providing California students a more robust and diverse educational experience:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood supports AB 351 (Salas) based on the fundamental commitment to providing a first-class public education to California students and encourages the California state legislature to similarly support this initiative.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16th of March, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Duran, Guarriello, Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Land, and Mayor Prang.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.


JEFFREY PRANG, MAYOR

ATTEST:


THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK