



COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER INTRODUCES MOTION TO CHANGE BUSINESS TAX FILING DEADLINE

Councilmember Mitchell Englander today introduced a motion that would move the deadline for Los Angeles businesses to file taxes so that it aligns with state and federal filing deadlines. Aligning the deadlines will benefit both the City and its businesses by reducing accounting and administrative costs.

"The current filing deadline for Los Angeles businesses makes no sense," Councilmember Englander said. "We are shooting ourselves in the foot and making it harder to do business in our City when we ask businesses to file their taxes on a separate timeline from federal and state agencies. This motion will simplify the process, reduce costs, and allow Los Angeles businesses to focus on what they do best: bringing jobs and economic development to our communities."

"Aligning our City's business tax filing deadline with the State and Federal government simply makes sense and it helps Los Angeles be an easier place to do business," said Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, who seconded the motion. "These are the sorts of steps we need to be taking to show businesses around the country that Los Angeles is business friendly and welcome to all."

In addition to making our City more business friendly, the motion is expected to increase compliance among Los Angeles businesses. Currently, only 69 percent of businesses file on time. The next 15 to 20 percent of businesses file upon receiving a Notice of Hearing for failure to file, and the remainder only file as a result of sweeps performed by the Office of Finance.

More businesses filing on time will mean less fines and penalties levied against L.A. businesses, reduced enforcement costs due to less tax delinquency, and more revenue certainty for the City.

The motion is now referred to the Budget & Finance committee where it will be scheduled for consideration. Find attached a copy of the motion for reference.