



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE ON:

Resolution 23-13 – Resolution on the Hazards of Artificial Intelligence

Synopsis

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Rollo. It calls for officials at all levels of government to consider and acquaint themselves with the existential risks posed by artificial intelligence and calls for the imposition of a moratorium on artificial general intelligence development until there is a guarantee that the technology aligns with human values and well-being.

Relevant Materials

- [Resolution 23-13](#)

Summary

This resolution notes recent advancements in artificial intelligence (“AI”) and artificial general intelligence (“AGI”) technologies and describes concerns with these technologies that some experts have expressed publicly. In particular, the resolution references an [open letter](#) calling for a pause on the training of certain AI systems published by the Future of Life Institute, a nonprofit organization with the stated mission of steering transformative technology towards benefiting life and away from extreme large-scale risks.

[Resolution 23-13](#) would express the Council’s position that elected officials at all levels of government should work to fully understand AI technologies and its associated risks. The resolution also calls on the federal government to impose a moratorium on AGI development until the technology’s alignment with human values and well-being is guaranteed. The details of how such a moratorium might function in practice are left to federal representatives, who are also urged to work on corresponding international agreements ensuring that any domestic regulations are shared and adhered to globally. The sponsor does not anticipate any direct fiscal impact to the City as a result of this resolution.

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