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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-08-0150

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH VOICING OPPOSITION TO
5 INCREASES IN TRUCK WEIGHTS AND LENGTHS
6 OPERATING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY
7 OF LONG BEACH

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9 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is concerned for the health, welfare and
10 safety of the City's residents and the conditions of its infrastructure; and

11 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is concerned that attempts are being
12 made at the federal level as part of the reauthorization of the SAFETEA-LU to increase
13 the size, weight and allowable number of trailers beyond the capacity of existing road
14 infrastructure; and

15 WHEREAS, bigger and heavier trucks cause greater acceleration of the
16 deterioration of the city's alleys, streets, roads and bridges putting further pressure on
17 local tax payers to fund regional infrastructure; and

18 WHEREAS, according to a Minnesota Department of Transportation study,
19 a 20% increase in weight almost doubles the fatigue damage to bridge decks, beams,
20 and trusses; and

21 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2007 National Bridge
22 Inventory states that 13,428 of the bridges in the State of California are more than 40
23 years old and 6,977 of the bridges in the State of California are already designated as
24 structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

25 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach, along with many of the municipal
26 associations in the area has a history of opposing increase in truck weights and strongly
27 opposes all legislation that attempts to shift costs and liability of private businesses on to
28 local governments and threatens local control of local roads; and

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1 WHEREAS, the increased weights and operation of LCVs on state
2 highways and freeways are opposed by the Peace Officers Research Association of
3 California, the California Police Chiefs Association, the California Association of Highway
4 Patrolmen, the California State Association of Counties, Congress of California Seniors,
5 and others;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
7 follows:

8 Section 1. That the City of Long Beach opposes any legislation increasing
9 truck weight and size beyond the capacity of our road systems and putting Long Beach
10 alleys, streets, roads and bridges at risk of increased damage or deterioration.

11 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
12 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

13 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City
14 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of November 18, 2008 by the following
15 vote:

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17 Ayes: Councilmembers: S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell,
18 Schipske, Andrews, Reyes Uranga,
19 Gabelich, Lerch.

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21 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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23 Absent: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal.

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City Clerk