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August 24, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach In Support of Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

J. CHARLES PARKIN,
Principal Deputy City Attorney

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION
5 22, THE LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
6 TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010
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8 WHEREAS, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed
9 separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds, and to dedicate
10 the taxes on gasoline to fund local and state transportation improvement projects; and

11 WHEREAS, these local government funds are critical to provide the police
12 and fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that
13 residents rely upon every day, and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improve local
14 streets and roads, to make road safety improvements, relieve traffic congestion, and
15 provide mass transit; and

16 WHEREAS, despite the fact that voters have repeatedly passed measures
17 to prevent the State from taking these revenues dedicated to funding local government
18 services and transportation improvement projects, the State Legislature has seized and
19 borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, State politicians in Sacramento have continued to ignore the
22 will of the voters, and current law provides no penalties when state politicians take or
23 borrow these locally-dedicated funds; and

24 WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation and transit
25 advocates filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called
26 the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, which will
27 be on the November 2010 statewide ballot as Proposition 22; and

28 WHEREAS, approval of this ballot initiative would close loopholes and

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1 change the constitution to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing,
2 diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering
3 with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including
4 redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit;

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

7 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach formally endorses
8 Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of
9 2010, a proposed constitutional amendment.

10 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby authorizes
11 the listing of the City of Long Beach in support of Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer,
12 Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

13 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
14 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

15 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
16 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2010 by the
17 following vote:

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19 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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23 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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25 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk