April 30, 2009

Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor
Chief Legislative Analyst

I HEREBY CERTIFY that City Council adopted the action(s), as attached,
under Council file No. 09-0368, at its meeting held April 17, 2009.

City Clerk
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cc: 8 Certified copies sent to Sacramento Representatives
SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR’S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 09-0368 COUNCIL DISTRICT

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE April 17, 2009

RE: CITY’S POSITION ON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS IN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

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LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT [10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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APPROVED √

*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL APR 29 2009

MAYOR

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VERBAL MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation of the Chief Legislative Analyst (Item No. 10, CF 09-0368) relative to the City's position on legislation that would provide additional flexibility in the establishment of speed limits in local jurisdictions, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 766 (Krekorian) and SB 570 (Maldanado) that would provide additional flexibility in the establishment of speed limits in local jurisdictions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules and Government Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

PRESENTED BY __________
WENDY GREUEL
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY __________
DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilmember, 3rd District

April 17, 2009
CF 09-0368
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before, a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code and various administrative regulations establish the methodology for local governments to set speed limits on local streets; and

WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code specifies that, in order to use radar or any other electronic device to enforce speed limits, a speed limit must be justified by an engineering and traffic survey; and

WHEREAS, traffic enforcement agencies that try to address speeding on roadways are restricted by existing regulations that requires speed limits not be set any lower than the actual speed of 85% of the vehicles traveling on a specific street;

WHEREAS, this restriction, adopted to prevent municipalities from implementing unreasonable speed limits and setting up so-called "speed traps," helps ensure that high-speed streets are a self-fulfilling prophecy; and

WHEREAS, cities continually struggle with providing a delicate balance of efficiently moving vehicles, supporting bicycling and pedestrian activities and preserving community character; and

WHEREAS, the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) has proposed administrative changes to allow some flexibility in establishing a speed limit on public roadways and other possible alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the CTCDC will hold a special hearing on February 24, 2009 to review the on-going issue of speed limit-setting in local communities, and under what circumstances speed limits can be altered to address local safety concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2009-10 State Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation and/or administrative changes that would provide more flexibility in the establishment of speed limits in local jurisdictions.

ADOPTED
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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
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PRESENTED BY: WENDY GREUEL
Councilmember, 2nd District
SECONDED BY: 09-0368