



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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President

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Opposition to Council Motion to Extend Taxi Company Franchises by Five Years

Dear Councilmember Rosendahl:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, I write to express strong opposition to the City Council Motion (10-0996) proposing to extend the taxi company franchises for five years beyond the current expiration date of December 31, 2010.

Preservation of the taxi industry status quo through such a multi-year franchise extension or renewal would harm taxi workers, the traveling public, and the City of Los Angeles.

Instead, we urge you to view the expiration of the franchise as an opportunity to implement the motion passed at the Taxicab Commission a number of months ago to hire a consultant for the City to examine the taxi industry in its totality, including, but not limited to low earnings and harsh conditions for drivers, the greening of the industry and customer service issues.

Sincerely,

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