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NOVEMBER 18, 2011

To All Interested Parties:

**Chief Legislative Analyst**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under  
Council File No. 11-0002-S125, at its meeting held NOVEMBER 4, 2011.

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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 11-0002-S125

COUNCIL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE NOVEMBER 4, 2011

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION REGARDING THE U.S. TRAVEL ASSOCIATION'S REPORT ENTITLED READY FOR TAKEOFF: A PLAN TO CREATE 1.3 MILLION U.S. JOBS BY WELCOMING MILLIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT NOV 17 2011  
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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APPROVED  
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\*DISAPPROVED

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

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL NOV 16 2011

*[Signature]*  
MAYOR

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COMMUNICATION

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TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

FILE NO. 11-0002-S125

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on legislation regarding the U.S. Travel Association's report entitled Ready for Takeoff: A Plan to Create 1.3 Million U.S. Jobs by Welcoming Millions of International Travelers.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (LaBonge - Garcetti), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2011-12 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT for legislation or administrative actions which would approve and implement the recommendations made by the U.S. Travel Association in its recent report entitled Ready for Takeoff: A Plan to Create 1.3 Million U.S. Jobs by Welcoming Millions of International Travelers, including alignment of US. State Department resources with specific market demands and reduction of visa interview wait time to 10 days or fewer and improvement of US. Department of State planning, measurement and transparency and expansion of the Visa Waiver Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On October 19, 2011, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair considered a CLA report and Resolution (LaBonge - Garcetti) relative to the City's position on legislation and/or administrative actions which would approve and implement the recommendations made by the U.S. Travel Association in its recent report entitled Ready for Takeoff: A Plan to Create 1.3 Million U.S. Jobs by Welcoming Millions of International Travelers.

During the discussion of this matter, CLA staff provided an overview of this matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended that Council adopt the accompanying resolution to support this matter. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**ADOPTED**

NOV 4 2011

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH**

MEMBER: ALARCÓN: WESSON:  
VOTE: YES: ABSENT:

ME  
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
**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**, international travelers to the United States contribute in many ways to the health and vibrancy of the U.S. national, regional and local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, international travelers generate increased commerce, employment in various industries and economic sectors, and increased investments in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. national security concerns have resulted in tighter entry restrictions for international visitors, which has led to less international commerce within the United States, that is, fewer purchases of American goods and services with international currencies; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2011, the U.S. Travel Association (USTA) released a comprehensive report, entitled "Ready for Takeoff: A Plan to Create 1.3 Million U.S. Jobs by Welcoming Millions of International Travelers," with 34 recommendations to overcome existing barriers to the growth of international travel to the United States, including many specific recommendations for improvements in the issuance of travel visas by the U.S. State Department, and for improvements in related practices of other federal departments and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. can expand the Visa Waiver Program through bilateral negotiations with selected countries which are among our closest allies—such as Brazil, China and/or India--without sacrificing our needs and desires to adopt and implement broad protective measures to strengthen U.S. national security;

**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 2011-2012 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative actions which would approve and implement the recommendations made by the U.S. Travel Association in its recent report entitled "Ready for Takeoff: A Plan to Create 1.3 Million U.S. Jobs by Welcoming Millions of International Travelers."

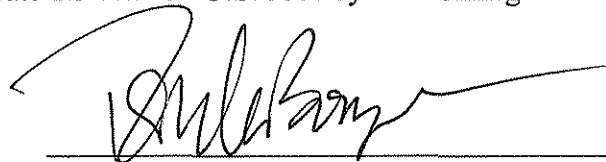
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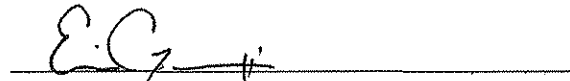
**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

PRESENTED BY



Tom LaBonge  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY



TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH