RULES, ELECTIONS & 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, Measure R, passed by Los Angeles County voters in 2008, a half-cent sales tax increase over thirty years to pay for transportation projects and improvements; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2012 Assembly Member Feuer introduced AB 1446 that would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Los Angeles County to allow County voters to extend the length of the Measure R sales tax authorization beyond 30 years; and

WHEREAS, this extension would enable Metro to bond against future Measure R proceeds and build transit projects much sooner than originally contemplated, without relying on additional scarce federal or state funding; and

WHEREAS, accelerating Measure R projects would create thousands of desperately-needed jobs, reduce traffic congestion, and decrease air pollution from single occupant vehicle trips;

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 2011-12 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1446 (Feuer) that would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to extend the Measure R half-cent sales tax for an additional unspecified number of years, subject to voter approval.

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