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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, most of California's infrastructure was designed and built over 40 years ago to accommodate 25 million people expected to live in California by the mid-1970s and we now have a population of 38 million that is projected to rise to 60 million by 2050; and

WHEREAS, California is overly dependent on infrastructure that was built in the 1950s and 60s and critical infrastructure needs are long overdue; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger estimated that California's infrastructure needs are approximately \$500 billion over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) California Infrastructure Report Card 2012, our public infrastructure received an average grade of "C" and annual investment needs have increased from \$37 billion annually in 2006 to \$65 billion in just six years; and

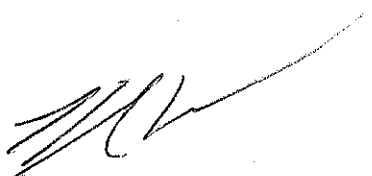
WHEREAS, according to ASCE, the overall grade for transportation infrastructure in California was determined to be a low "C-" due to existing conditions and lack of adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, according to ASCE, in transportation alone, the state needs \$10 billion per year more to be spent for ongoing maintenance in order to raise transportation to a "B" grade; and

WHEREAS, according to ASCE, urban runoff infrastructure needs in the state are underfunded and investment costs are estimated at \$6.7 billion per year for the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, many local government officials across our state have said they have avoided placing badly needed infrastructure bond measures on the ballot because of the difficulty of achieving the required two-thirds super-majority; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, 33 local bond measures throughout the state have received more than 55% of the vote yet failed because they were slightly short of the two-thirds requirement; and



WHEREAS, ACA 8 (Blumenfield) would place a measure on the 2014 statewide ballot that would make electoral reforms allowing communities to pass infrastructure bond measures with the same 55% majority that now applies to school bonds; and

WHEREAS, the ACA 8 ballot measure does not change voter threshold requirements established by Prop 13, but rather changes the two-thirds requirement for local bonds that was adopted in 1879 as Section 18 of Article XI of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this is the only measure of its kind to lower the threshold for general obligation bonds that has actually passed (54-25) and is now pending in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, ACA 8 will allow the voters of California to make it easier for cities, counties, special districts and transit districts to meet the infrastructure needs of our growing population; and

WHEREAS, the state can and should remove obstacles that voters and communities face when investing in their communities and ACA 8 frees communities to make these investments; and

WHEREAS, ACA 8 is about giving local governments like the City of Los Angeles the choice to determine how we invest in our city; and

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles, the 2011 California Streets and Roads Needs Assessment of streets, highways and bridges determined an overall Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to be 68.6 out of a possible 100 and;

WHEREAS, according to ASCE with respect to levees and flood control systems, Los Angeles County does not meet current levee design criteria and;

WHEREAS, most of Los Angeles's infrastructure is not being adequately maintained, does not provide reliable service to the public, or keeps citizens mobile and economically competitive and Los Angeles's infrastructure simply does not make the grade, according to a 2012 comprehensive report by the Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the report entitled the 2012 Los Angeles County Infrastructure Report awarded Los Angeles County an overall "C" grade; and

WHEREAS, ACA 8 has already garnered support from a wide variety of Los Angeles area business organizations such as the Los Angeles County Business Federation, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Business Council and the Valley Industry and Commerce Association;

WHEREAS this measure already has garnered support from numerous labor groups, law enforcement and fire services such as State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, California Professional Firefighters, Police Officers Research Action Committee, Association for LA Deputy Sheriffs, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Riverside Sheriffs Association and the LA County Probation Officers Union and;

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 2013 - 2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for ACA 8, which would place a measure on the 2014 statewide ballot to lower the threshold needed to pass local infrastructure bond measures from two-thirds to 55%.

PRESENTED BY *Bob Blumenfeld*
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY *Herb J. Kern*

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