RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any position of the City 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, federal regulations currently prohibit transit agencies that receive any federal assistance from implementing local hire policies for construction and operations projects; and

WHEREAS transit agencies have the potential to spur job creation in their local communities and limiting these transit agencies from being able to adopt local hiring policies when making hiring decisions hinders their ability to generate job growth; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2013, Congressmember Karen Bass introduced H.R. 3620, the "Local Hire Act," that will allow transit agencies like the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to prioritize hiring local residents for highway and transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the "Local Hire Act" will allow state and local transit agencies to more easily generate jobs in the very counties and states where their transportation projects are located, while preserving competition and cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, transportation agencies will also have the flexibility to focus their hiring in low-income and underemployed neighborhoods by applying geographically targeted preferences;

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 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of H.R. 3620, the "Local Hire Act," that would allow local hiring for transportation projects.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY: