April 10, 2013

Councilmember Mitchell Englander
CD 12
Via fax-213-473-6925 and email councilmember.englander@lacity.org
Councilmember Joe Buscaino
CD 15
Via email: councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

Re: Opposition to CF 13-1300-S1 Emergency Local Street Safety and Traffic Improvement Measure

Gentlemen:

At a special public meeting of the Board of Governors on April 9th and with a proper vote taken, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council passed the enclosed motion in Opposition to the referenced Measure.

We urge you to withdraw your motion and that the measure not be placed on the May ballot.

Yours truly,
NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Robin Tyler/Vice President

Enclosure

cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa via email
    All members of Los Angeles City Council via email
MOTION IN OPPOSITION TO CF 13-1300-S1 $3 BILLION BOND ISSUE

WHEREAS the proposed Emergency Street Safety and Traffic Improvement General Obligation Bond (Street Bond) is another discriminatory tax that would add a minimum of $54 to more than $121 to every homeowners property tax bill for the next 20 years and overburden homeowners, especially senior citizens, who are already on the verge of being taxed out of their homes and

WHEREAS the community of North Hills West is approximately 90% Single Family Residential and

WHEREAS it is the home and property owners who unfairly bear the brunt of all the taxes, fees, assessments and bond issues and

WHEREAS it is the home and property owners that will have to shoulder the eventual burden of a possible six billion dollar tab and

WHEREAS we already pay for street repairs in our property taxes and

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles continues to pass special bond issues and assessments that circumvent the intent of Prop 13 and

WHEREAS if placed on the May general election ballot, the tax will be voted on by renters who do not pay these taxes and therefore vote for them and

WHEREAS the people voted down the proposed sales tax in the last election and have made it abundantly clear they want NO MORE TAXES,

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council is opposed to this proposed bond issue and we strongly urge this proposed parcel tax be withdrawn by the authors and the City Council and not placed on the May ballot

Moved this 9TH day of April 2013
Moved by: Robin Tyler
Seconded by: Anita Goldbaum
YES 10 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0