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March 11, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-0002-S3, at its meeting held March 4, 2014.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-0002-S3

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MARCH 4, 2014

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT THE PROHIBITION OF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH MOBILE WIRELESS DEVICES DURING COMMERCIAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAR 17 2014
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]


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

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 3/10/14


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RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support the Prohibition of Voice Communications through Mobile Wireless Devices during Commercial Passenger Flights.

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

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 3676 (Shuster), The Prohibiting In-Flight Voice Communications on Mobile Wireless Devices Act of 2013, and S. 1811 (Alexander), The Commercial Flight Courtesy Act, and/or similar legislation that would prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

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

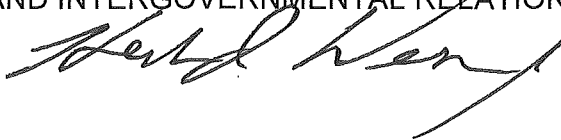
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of February 21, 2014, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (LaBonge - Wesson) relative to the City's position to support the Prohibition of Voice Communications through Mobile Wireless Devices during Commercial Passenger Flights. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
LABONGE:	YES

ADOPTED

MAR 4 2014

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

14-0002-53

JAN 10 2014

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, the Federal Communications Commission voted 3-2 on December 12, 2013 to consider lifting its long-standing ban on in-flight cell phone use, due to the fact that new technology now makes in-flight cell phone use possible without causing interference with wireless networks on the ground and with aircraft operations; and

WHEREAS, the FCC has initiated a public comment period on specific proposed rules that would allow individual commercial airline companies to install equipment that would permit their passengers to make calls and otherwise use mobile communications services while airborne above 10,000 feet; and

WHEREAS, many cell phone owners have expressed support and enthusiasm for the ability to use their cell phones while flying onboard a commercial aircraft, many other cell phone owners and others have expressed strong objections to in-flight cell phone use by commercial airline passengers based on concerns for public safety and public privacy; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3676 (Shuster) and S. 1811 (Alexander) have been introduced in response to the proposed FCC ruling to continue to ban cell phone conversations on commercial airline flights or to modify the proposed FCC ruling to prohibit voice communications (but perhaps not to prohibit texting) on cell phones while in-flight; and

WHEREAS, cell phone conversations in the close quarters of airline passenger cabins would negatively add to ambient noise levels that can interfere with passengers' understanding of public safety and public information announcements; with passengers' desires for peaceful reading or rest; and with the general well-being of passengers and crew members while in-flight;

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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 3676, "The Prohibiting In-flight Voice Communications on Mobile Wireless Devices Act of 2013," S. 1811, "The Commercial Flight Courtesy Act," and/or similar legislation that would prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

PRESENTED BY

[Signature]
Tom LaBonge
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY

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JAN 10 2014

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AT A MEETING OF MAR 4 2014 BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
INTERIM CITY CLERK

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