

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, implemented a half-cent sales tax increase over thirty years to pay for transportation projects and improvements; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors authorized placing the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan on the November 2016 ballot, which would institute a new half-cent sales tax to fund a wide variety of transit and highway projects; local street improvements; programs for seniors, students and persons with disabilities; and more; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors officially designated the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan as Measure M on the November 8, 2016 ballot; and

WHEREAS, once the existing Measure R tax expires in 2039, Measure M would continue it until voters decide to change it; and


WHEREAS, Measure M would enable Metro to complete transit projects funded by Measure R much sooner than originally contemplated and fund critically important new transportation projects; and

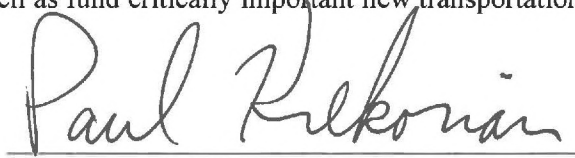
WHEREAS, Measure M includes provisions to protect and monitor the public's investments through a transparent, independent oversight process including regular financial audits and a thorough review of the program by Metro's Board of Directors every ten years; and


WHEREAS, Measure M will create thousands of jobs, reduce traffic congestion, improve local streets and sidewalks, expand the rail and bus system, enhance bike and pedestrian connections, keep the region's transportation system in good working condition, 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 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Measure M, which would institute a new half-cent sales tax, subject to voter approval, to accelerate the construction of regional transportation and transit projects, as well as fund critically important new transportation projects.

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