

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, since 1923, California has relied on gas taxes to support local roads and state highway system, however, the gas tax is no longer a viable, sustainable revenue source, due to the decline in the purchasing power of gas tax revenues and improvements in vehicle fuel efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city, county, or special district voting on that tax; and

WHEREAS, to address declining gas tax revenues, voters across California have imposed special transportation taxes to support local transportation projects and programs in their county; and

WHEREAS, despite the numerous local transportation sales taxes, a two-thirds voter approval threshold is extremely difficult to achieve; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2015, Assembly Member Frazier introduced Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 4 that would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition;

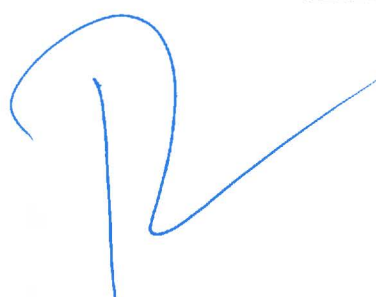
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for ACA 4 (Frazier) that would reduce the voter threshold from two-thirds to 55% for passage of local sales taxes dedicated to transportation purposes.

PRESENTED BY: 
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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