RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, currently pending before the California State Assembly is AB 29 (Holden), which would remove the portion of Route 710 located north of Route 10 from the California freeway and expressway system, and give the right of first refusal to relinquish specified portions of Route 710 under conditions established through direct consultation with the Cities of Alhambra, Pasadena, and South Pasadena; and

WHEREAS, being that a portion of the property in question is within Los Angeles city limits, the City of Los Angeles should also have the first right of refusal for the actions proposed in AB 29, but is omitted from the legislation; and

WHEREAS, there is no mention in AB 29 of the role of the City of Los Angeles as a major stakeholder, nor is there a consideration for the communities impacted by this legislation, in particular the area of El Sereno; and

WHEREAS, consistent dialogue between all affected local agencies and stakeholders, including the City of Los Angeles, must be conducted prior to any legislative measures are taken; and

WHEREAS, passage of AB 29 as currently drafted would also jeopardize the approved Environmental Impact Report for the Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) alternative and it's related projects as identified by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and supported by Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and negatively impact traffic and safety concerns in the City; and

WHEREAS, AB 29 has proceeded through the 2019 Assembly Legislative processes without any community input, and the State Assembly has voted for this legislation without regard to the City of Los Angeles or the El Sereno community; and

WHEREAS, AB 29 is pending before the California State Senate Transportation Committee, it is imperative for the City of Los Angeles to actively oppose the legislation unless amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, with concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION for AB 29 (Holden), which would remove the portion of Route 710 located north of Route 10 from the California freeway and expressway system, and give the right of first refusal to relinquish specified portions of Route 710 under conditions established through direct consultation with the Cities of Alhambra, Pasadena, and South Pasadena, to additionally give the right of first refusal to the City of Los Angeles, and establish a working group of affected parties, including the City of Los Angeles, City of Alhambra, City of Monterey Park, County of Los Angeles, Caltrans, Metro, and California State University, Los Angeles, to evaluate the options for the 710 North terminus stub and provide feedback.

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