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RULES & GOVERNMENT

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, Senator Jenny Oropeza (D-Carson) has introduced SB 1722, a bill that would create a Green Line Construction Authority, with the sole purpose of extending the Metro Green Line two miles to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX); and

WHEREAS, currently the Green Line stops 1-mile short of the airport, turns south and terminates in Redondo Beach; thereby forcing the 60,000 employees in the LAX area, as well as airport passengers, to transfer to shuttle buses; and

WHEREAS, SB 1722 would create in state law a single-purpose Green Line Construction Authority, similar to the entities that were created for the Expo and Gold lines. The Authority would have its own executive board, and would be able to coordinate federal, state and local funding to construct this Green Line extension; and

WHEREAS, there can be no dispute or disagreement that extending a key Los Angeles mass transit corridor to one of the nation's busiest and most congested airports is vitally needed and long overdue; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is supported by the "Green Line Coalition", an organization of local, state and federal elected officials to promote this two-mile extension, the Sierra Club, and various Chambers of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, for too long, the Westside of Los Angeles has suffered from severe traffic gridlock and insufficient public transportation, and extending the Green Line to Lot C at LAX would be a huge step toward mitigating the traffic impacts of LAX and to building a much-needed rail network on the Westside, thereby freeing our streets and highways from traffic congestion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 1722, a bill that would create a Green Line Construction Authority, with the sole purpose of extending the Metro Green Line two-miles to Los Angeles International Airport.

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