

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL TAXPAYER,
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT
OF 2010

WHEREAS, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds, and to dedicate the taxes on gasoline to fund transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, these local government funds are critical to provide the police and fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that residents rely upon every day, and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improve local streets and roads, to make road safety improvements, relieve traffic congestion, and provide mass transit; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that voters have repeatedly passed measures to prevent the State from taking these revenues dedicated to funding local government services and transportation improvement projects, the State Legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this year's borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment and transit funds, as well as previous, ongoing raids of local government and transportation funds, have lead to severe consequences, such as layoffs of police, fire and paramedic first responders, fire station closures, stalled economic development, healthcare cutbacks, delays in road safety improvements, public transit fare increases and cutbacks in public transit services; and

WHEREAS, State politicians in Sacramento have continued to ignore the will of the voters, and current law provides no penalties when state politicians take or borrow these dedicated funds; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation and transit advocates recently filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ballot initiative would close loopholes and change the Constitution to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CITY OF LANCASTER formally endorses the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, a proposed constitutional amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the listing of CITY OF LANCASTER in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 and instruct staff to fax a copy of this resolution to campaign offices at 916-442-3310.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
Agency Secretary
Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

R. REX PARRIS
Chairman
Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF LANCASTER)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

I, _____, _____ Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 09-10, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, on this _____ day of _____, _____.

(seal)
