

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**  
Tuesday, **October 12, 2010**  
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Alarcón, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Reyes, Smith, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (9); Absent: Cárdenas, Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Perry and Rosendahl (6)

## **NO QUORUM - ALL ITEMS CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 6, 2010

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - NONE

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PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR -  
An opportunity for public testimony was provided.

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ROLL CALL NUMBER (#) - INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE ACTED  
UPON DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING

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### **Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 1-10**

**ITEM NO. (1) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0225](#)

[10-1155](#)

[10-1155-S1](#)

[10-1155-S2](#)

[08-2122](#)

[07-1886](#)

[07-0465](#)

[05-2514](#)

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's billing and collection process, and related actions.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motions (Zine - Garcetti - Hahn - Rosendahl - Parks), (Hahn - Koretz - Garcetti - Zine), and (Koretz - Hahn - Garcetti):

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Office of Finance and in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report on potential parameters and probable success of a billing amnesty program, including better ways to utilize the City Intranet for publication of delinquent non-tax debtors.
2. INSTRUCT the Office of Finance to report on the status of the creation of a centralized City billing process; including the anticipated increase in collections from utilization; the amount of time before a debt is referred to a collection agency; the authority which would be needed by the Revenue Manager to act as "Collections Sheriff."
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to report back on the current process of referring delinquent accounts to the Office of Finance with recommendations to expedite the process.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to report on all legal options to pursue delinquent payments; other related penalties or asset acquisition; parameters under which legal action should be considered; and the amount of time appropriate to allow a collection agency to resolve payment before it is referred to the City Attorney.
5. INSTRUCT the Office of Finance, with the assistance of the CAO, the CLA, the City Attorney, the LAPD and LAFD, and any other affected department, to report in 45 days with recommendations to structure a centralized billing and collections process and bring forth any ordinances needed for implementation.
6. REQUEST the Controller to present the findings of her follow-up audit on billings and collections to the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee within the next 30 days, and that the Committee examine the Controller's findings, meet with departmental heads and staff, and determine the necessary steps to take to ensure that we vastly improve our city's collections practices and fiscal status.
7. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to provide an update on referring delinquent accounts to contracted collection agencies and reference Council File No. 10-0225 in its response.
8. INSTRUCT the Office of Finance, with the assistance of the CAO and the CLA to review Phase I and Phase II recommendations of the Macias report, reconcile Council actions to-date with those recommendations and submit revised recommendations within 45 days to the Budget and Finance Committee.
9. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:
  - a. Close the following Council file Nos. 05-2514, 07-1886, 07-0465 and 08-2122 inasmuch as the recommendations have been adopted through previous Council actions and will now be considered under Council file No. 10-0225.
  - b. Refer all future reports submitted in response to previously requested report backs under Council file Nos. 05-2514, 07-1886, 07-0465, 08-2122, 10-1155, 10-1155-S1 and 10-1155-S2 to Council file No. 10-0225.

10. INSTRUCT departments to submit all reports requested in the above recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee within 30 days, unless otherwise noted.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Office of Finance. Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes, by Studio City Neighborhood Council.

(Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**ITEM NO. (2) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[08-1660](#)

CD 7

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to authorizing the issuance of Mello-Roos Special Tax Bonds for the Community Facilities District No. 8 (Legends at Cascades).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of not-to-exceed \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount of City of Los Angeles Community Facilities District No. 8 (Legends at Cascades) Special Tax Bonds, Series 2010, and APPROVE the execution and delivery of the Indenture, Infrastructure Funding Agreement, Bond Purchase Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and other matters related thereto.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to administer all bond proceeds and make technical corrections as necessary to implement the intent of the Mayor and City Council actions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as a result of the recommendations contained in this report. All costs associated with this project will be paid from developer fees and/or bond proceeds, and in no event shall the General Fund be called upon for repayment of any principal or interest on these bonds.

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports that issuance of up to \$6 million of Mello-Roos Special Tax Bonds will not cause the City's debt service payments to exceed 15 percent of General Fund Revenues for both voter-approved and nonvoter-approved debt as established in the City's Financial Policies, Debt Management Section, because the debt service on the \$6 million of bonds will be paid from Mello-Roos Special Tax Revenues collected from parcels located within Community Facilities District No.8 (Legends at Cascades).

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (3) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[09-0002-S62](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on HR 168 (Rothman) which would authorize 150,000 incremental Section 8 vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 168 (Rothman), the Housing Opportunities Made Easier Act, which would authorize 150,000 additional Section 8 vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance to help meet the housing needs of low-income families.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (4) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0002-S27](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on HR 2746 (Carnahan) and similar legislation that would allow public transit agencies to use a portion of their federal transit funding for operating expenses.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Rosendahl - LaBonge), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying revised RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 2746 (Carnahan) and similar legislation that would allow public transit agencies to use a portion of their federal transit funding for operating expenses.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (5) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0002-S35](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on S. 3217 (Dodd) and HR 4173 (Frank) which would strengthen financial regulatory controls.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010 (S. 3217) and the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 (HR 4173) which would strengthen financial regulatory controls.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (6) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0002-S61](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on HR 4591 (Sestak) which would grant employers a 25 percent tax credit on the first \$6,000 of wages paid to eligible individuals age 62 and older, among other provisions.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 4591 (Sestak), the Older Worker Opportunity Act of 2010, which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to grant employers that provide employees health and retirement benefits a 25 percent tax credit for the first \$6,000 of wages paid to eligible individuals age 62 and older, among other provisions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (7) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0002-S62](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on HR 147 (Israel) which would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 147 (Israel) which would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (8) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0002-S78](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on legislation and/or administrative action which would extend the current deadline on various bond provisions provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Garcetti - Reyes), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying revised RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT for the infrastructure bond provision deadline extensions contained in S. 3793 (Baucus) and HR 5893 (Levin), and any additional legislation and/or administrative action, which would extend the current expiration date for the bond provisions in the ARRA from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (9) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0002-S82](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on legislation and/or administrative action which would continue mail delivery services offered by the United States Postal Service.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action which would continue mail delivery services offered by the United States Postal Service, as proposed by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (10) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-2417-S1](#)

[10-2417](#)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT and COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE relative to the suspension of the Reciprocal Arrangement between the Water and Power Employees' Retirement Plan (WPERP) and the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. VETO the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) action of September 7, Resolution No. 011-077, authorizing the execution of an Amendment to the WPERP to suspend the reciprocal arrangement (Plan Section IV, Subsection J) between the WPERP and the LACERS (10-2417-S1).
2. NOTE and FILE the October 4, 2010 report from the WPERP, inasmuch as it is submitted in response to the Council's request for a detailed history between the WPERP and the LACERS (10-2417).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Council asserted jurisdiction on September 22, 2010)

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 13, 2010

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 13, 2010)

**Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 11-17**

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

**ITEM NO. (11) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-2304](#)

CD 14

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the dedication of City-owned real property as Public Street lying on the south side of Temple Street east of Alameda Street

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that the dedication of City-owned real property as public street lying on the south side of Temple Street east of Alameda Street is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Class 5(4) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.

2. FIND that the City-owned real property lying on the south side of Temple Street east of Alameda Street shown attached on the Exhibit Map of the August 10, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file, be dedicated, accepted, and established as part of Temple Street, a public street of said City.
3. FIND that pursuant to Section 556 of the City Charter, the this dedication, acceptance and establishment of City-owned real property as public streets and alley is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan.
4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE effectuating the dedication, acceptance and establishment of certain real property owned by the City of Los Angeles, lying on the south side of Temple Street east of Alameda Street, a public street of said City.
5. INSTRUCT the Real Estate Division of the Bureau of Engineering to record the Ordinance, as detailed above in Recommendation No. 4, with the County Recorder.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action on this project be forwarded to the Real Estate Division of the Bureau of Engineering for processing.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that this action is being processed under Work Order No. E170702A.

#### **ITEM NO. (12) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

##### 10-0005-S744

et al. RESOLUTIONS relative to removing various properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTIONS removing the following properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), inasmuch as the owner(s) have corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the LAHD's report of October 5, 2010:

##### 10-0005-S744

CD 8

- a. Property at 1438 West Rolland Curtis Place (Case No. 193587).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5036-013-001

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on September 11, 2008)

##### 10-0005-S745

CD 8

- b. Property at 1438 West Rolland Curtis Place (Case No. 267343).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5036-013-001

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 14, 2010)



[10-0005-S746](#)

CD 9

- c. Property at 1052 West 58th Place (Case No. 168623).  
Assessor I.D. No. 6003-005-002

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 12, 2008)

[10-0005-S747](#)

CD 9

- d. Property at 1052 West 58th Place (Case No. 259080).  
Assessor I.D. No. 6003-005-002

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 15, 2009)

[10-0005-S748](#)

CD 5

- e. Property at 1526 South Veteran Avenue (Case No. 229401).  
Assessor I.D. No. 4324-024-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on March 19, 2009)

[10-0005-S749](#)

CD 1

- f. Property at 1233 South Bonnie Brae Street (Case No. 157884).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5136-022-019

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 12, 2008)

[10-0005-S750](#)

CD 1

- g. Property at 1233 South Bonnie Brae Street (Case No. 261363).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5136-022-019

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 7, 2010)

[10-0005-S751](#)

CD 9

- h. Property at 2312 South Wall Street (Case No. 6214).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5127-012-008

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 29, 2003)

**ITEM NO. (13) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-1539](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE relative to allocations and reallocations of Proposition 40 Funds for various projects.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the allocation and reallocation of Proposition 40 Per Capita discretionary funds totaling \$1,230,473, as noted in Attachment 1 in order to maximize the City's ability to use these funds.
2. APPROVE the allocation of Proposition 40 Roberti Z'Berg Harris discretionary funds totaling \$900,256, as noted in Attachment 1 in order to maximize the City's ability to use these funds.
3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Recreation and Parks to negotiate and execute the necessary sub-grant agreements and submit the necessary applications to the State to obtain approval of the allocation of funds to these projects.
4. REQUEST that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners concur with the allocations and reallocations.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to make any technical adjustments that may be needed to implement the above recommendations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LA for Kids Steering Committee reports that approval of the recommended allocations and reallocation of State Proposition 40 funds will not have an impact on the General Fund, inasmuch as the projects are expected to be implemented using these State grant funds. In the unlikely event that the State discontinues grant reimbursements, the impact to the General Fund could be \$2.1 million if alternative funding sources are not identified to complete these projects. Once these projects are completed and come on line, an as yet undetermined amount of General Fund may be needed to fund future operation and maintenance costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Arts, Parks, Health and Aging and Information Technology and Government Affairs Committees waived consideration of the above matter)

#### **ITEM NO. (14) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

##### [09-2560-S2](#)

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (GARCETTI - PARKS - KORETZ - ROSENDAHL) relative to authorizing the Ad Hoc Commission on Revenue Efficiency (CORE) to continue evaluating and recommending improvements in revenue collections and other enhancements.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the CORE to continue evaluating and recommending improvements in revenue collections and other enhancements for a second six-month term.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**ITEM NO. (15) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0011-S20](#)

CD 6

MOTION (CARDENAS - KREKORIAN) relative to reaffirming and re-adopting Council actions of June 15, 2010 and February 25, 2010, allocating funds to Northeast Graffiti Busters.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. REAFFIRM and RE-ADOPT Council action of June 15, 2010 (Council file No. 10-0011-S20) relative to the TRANSFER of \$33,000 in the Council District Six portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43D/50 to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) to be ALLOCATED to Northeast Graffiti Busters.
2. REAFFIRM and RE-ADOPT Council action of February 25, 2010 (Council file No. 10-0011-S7) relative to the TRANSFER of \$46,000 in the Council District Six portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43D/50 to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) to be ALLOCATED to Northeast Graffiti Busters for curb and sidewalk cleaning along Van Nuys Boulevard.
3. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services as well as the City Clerk to make any technical corrections or clarification as necessary to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

**ITEM NO. (16) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-0010-S38](#)

MOTION (ALARCON - HAHN) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the shooting at 14870 Polk Street in Sylmar on August 14, 2010.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PROVIDE an offer of reward in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the shooting at 14870 Polk Street in Sylmar on August 14, 2010.
2. FIND that the subject reward complies with the provisions of Chapter 12, Article 1, Division 19, of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
3. DIRECT the City Clerk to publish the required notices and/or advertisements to effectuate this reward.

**ITEM NO. (17) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 13, 2010**

[10-1534](#)

et al. FINAL MAPS in the various Council Districts.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the Final Maps and ADOPT the City Engineer Reports as detailed in the various listed Council files, including bonds, agreements, contracts and other related issues as specified:

[10-1534](#)  
CD 11

- a. FINAL MAP OF TRACT NO. 65877 for property located at 8706 Ramsgate Avenue lying southerly of Manchester Boulevard.  
(Bond No. C-117717)  
Applicants: 8706 Ramsgate, LLC  
R.T. Quinn & Associates

[10-1538](#)  
CD 7

- b. FINAL MAP OF TRACT NO. 63263 for property located at 12747-51 North Norris Avenue lying northwesterly of Astoria Street.  
(Bond No. C-117718)  
(Quimby Fee: \$42,196)  
Applicants: RELYT Developers, LLC  
Wagner Kerr Associates, Inc.

**Alarcón, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Reyes, Smith, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (9);  
Absent: Cárdenas, Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Perry and Rosendahl (6)**

**Whereupon the Council did adjourn due to No Quorum.**

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL