

RESOLUTION NO. 12-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING (ACA__), AN AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION LOWERING THE VOTER THRESHOLD TO 55 PERCENT FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURES

WHEREAS, maintaining transportation and transit infrastructure is in the interest of all City of Ridgecrest residents, and;

WHEREAS, local sales tax measures help make our roads safer and reduce traffic by improving mass transit, highways and local roads, and;

WHEREAS, a bill to amend California's Constitution to lower the voter threshold to 55 percent for local transportation sales tax measures – is based on the principle that taxes paid at the gas pump should be used for transportation purposes, and;

WHEREAS, with our neglected transportation system needing attention, California has the third worst deteriorated roads in the nation, and more than 6,000 of the state's bridges and overpasses are structurally deficient or no longer meet highway safety or design standards, and;

WHEREAS, local transportation sales taxes provide a stable and ongoing source of transportation funding that will make it possible to plan for our future transportation needs, and;

WHEREAS, an amendment to California's Constitution lowering the voter threshold to 55 percent for local transportation sales tax measures will help provide funds for cities and counties to help fix potholes, repair dangerous road conditions and improve the safety of children walking or biking to school, and;

WHEREAS, such an amendment will help speed up highway safety and traffic relief projects, and expand and improve mass transit systems, and;

WHEREAS, local sales tax measures are subject to an annual audit and standard accounting practices to ensure the projects they provide are delivered on time and on budget, and;

WHEREAS, by speeding up transportation projects thousands of new construction and other jobs will be created, our economy will be stimulated and every dollar invested in our highways will result in almost six times that in economic benefits

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST as follows:

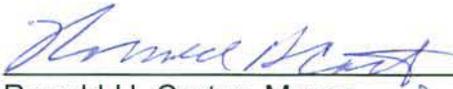
SECTION 1. That Ridgecrest City Council endorses and promotes the objectives and projected outcomes of an amendment to California's Constitution lowering the voter threshold to 55 percent for local transportation sales tax measures, and:

SECTION 2. That Ridgecrest City Council seeks the endorsement and support of all other city, county and state elected officials within Kern County for an amendment to California's Constitution lowering the voter threshold to 55 percent, and;

SECTION 3. That Ridgecrest City Council formally urges Kern County voters to support an amendment to California's Constitution lowering the voter threshold to 55 percent.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest this 15th day of February, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Carter, Council Members Holloway, Taylor, Morgan, and Patin
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk