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Honorable Albert Robles
Mayor, City of Carson
701 E. Carson Street
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Subject: Carson Resolution 16-155 - Metro Project Labor Agreement

Dear Mayor Robles:

Thank you for bringing to my attention Carson's concern about the implementation of Measure M and the opportunity for jobs it will provide. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro's) has a Project Labor Agreement (Agreement) with the Building and Trades.

As I understand it, the purpose of the Agreement, which has been in place since 2012, is to facilitate careers in the construction industry, promote L. A. County local resident hiring employment opportunities during the construction of a specific list of Metro Capital Improvement Projects and to provide for the orderly settlement of labor disputes and grievances without strikes or lockouts, thereby promoting the public interest in assuring timely and economical completion of the covered projects.

According to information from the Metro website, the Agreement applies to a specific list of Metro-awarded construction project contracts that includes each Metro-awarded contract with a construction value greater than \$2.5 million.

The five-year Project Labor Agreement between L. A. Metro and its labor unions expires in March 2017 and it is my understanding that Metro staff is working now on renewal with no significant changes anticipated.

As far as employment preferences, the current Agreement does not specifically address preference for any specified local jurisdictions within L. A. County. However, it may be that preference for certain Carson residents is already covered within the definitions of "Local Resident" and "Local Targeted Worker" in the Agreement. "Local Resident" in the Agreement is defined as, "an individual whose primary place of residence is within an Economically Disadvantaged Area or an Extremely Economically Disadvantaged Area in Los Angeles County." "Local Targeted Worker" is defined in the Agreement as, "a Local Resident, Community Area Resident or a Disadvantaged Worker whose primary place of residence is within Los Angeles County." I am uncertain what percentage of Carson residents would be covered by these definitions.

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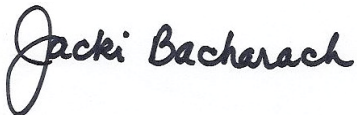
The Agreement does not apply to non-construction contracts or agreements executed between Metro and other agencies in which Metro is not issuing the construction contracts. For example, the Agreement does not apply to the Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) since Metro does not award construction contracts for this sub-regional program. In addition, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) does not currently award any construction contracts. SBHP funding agreements are executed between Metro and the lead agency for each project (Caltrans or South Bay local jurisdictions). The SBCCOG is not a party to these agreements. The SBCCOG Measure R SBHP grant process relies on the procurement policies and procedures of each lead agency to comply with any applicable federal, state or local grant provisions and requirements.

To date, the Agreement has not been extended nor amended to add specified Metro Measure M construction contracts to the project list but Metro is working to extend the current agreement before its March expiration. They are also developing policies related to Measure M over the next several months. While local agencies may choose to advocate for extension of the agreement, inclusion of new projects on the list or for other policy modifications, I would not recommend that the SBCCOG Board take a position on this matter as it is a local agency procurement policy as well as a Metro procurement policy. Therefore, each city should consider this item and decide whether to take action.

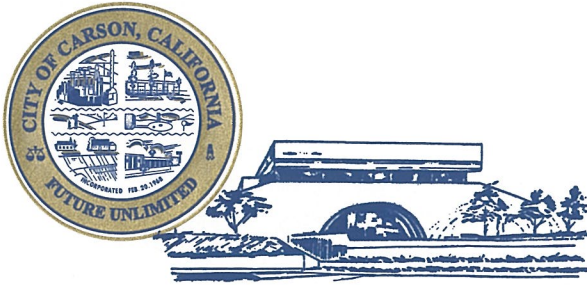
I will share your letter and my response with the Steering Committee.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacki Bacharach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

Jacki Bacharach
SBCCOG Executive Director



CITY OF CARSON

December 22, 2016

Dear Executive Director Bacharach,

Good day. On Tuesday December 6, 2016, the Carson City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 16-155 (attached).

Since the passage of Measure M on November 8, 2016, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will be proceeding with the undertakings entailed in all the highway and transportation projects that will be occurring. Economic forecast by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, commissioned by Metro, estimated that more than 465,000 jobs would result from the infrastructure projects funded by Measure M.

Resolution 16-155 strongly urges Metro to engage in a project labor agreement with the building trades industry and to ensure Carson residents are offered priority in receiving jobs. I strongly urge your legislative body to take the same action. If your staff would like an electronic copy of the staff report and/or resolution that Carson prepared, please contact Lisa Berglund at (310) 952-1731 or lberglund@carson.ca.us

Sincerely,

Albert Robles
MAYOR

RESOLUTION 16-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, STRONGLY URGING LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO ENSURE JOBS FOR CARSON RESIDENTS CONSIDERING THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE M

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, Measure M passed by a two-thirds vote. Measure M is the new sales tax sponsored by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The City Council of the City of Carson respects the voice of the people and the outcome of the election therefore the City Council applauds the major improvements that Measure M will bring forth to LA County; and

WHEREAS, funding from Measure M will fund Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan in the following areas: new transit and highway projects; services for seniors, students and the disabled; bus and rail operations; bicycle and pedestrian connections; ongoing system maintenance and repair; and local street improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson looks forward to a supportive role as Metro proceeds with the vast undertakings entailed in all the highway and transit projects that will occur due to the passage of Measure M; and

WHEREAS, our residents should receive deliverables out of the passage of Measure M especially since Metro is not planning any major transportation improvement projects for Carson in the first three decades of the tax increase; and

WHEREAS, the economic forecast by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), commissioned by Metro, estimated that more than 465,000 jobs would result from infrastructure projects funded by Measure M; and

WHEREAS, the Carson City Council strongly urges the Metro administration staff to work together to create a project labor agreement to ensure Carson residents are afforded jobs as these projects get underway; and

WHEREAS, there is compelling, practical evidence on Carson's unemployment and under employment statistics. Those statistics show that Carson is one of the most unemployed/under employed cities in California with an unemployment rate of 6.6%; and

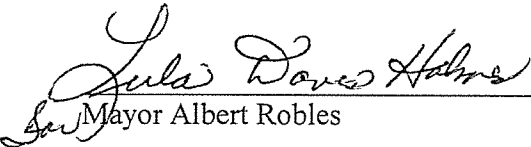
WHEREAS, Carson's unemployment rate is higher than that of Los Angeles County and the State of California. This resolution compels Metro to enter into a Project Labor Agreement with the Building Trades industry prioritizing jobs related to Measure M improvements to go to those residents from cities that have higher unemployment rates than the County and State, and those residents from cities that will not see any major transportation improvements in the first three decades of the tax increase;

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WHEREAS The City of Carson strongly urges Metro administration to draft a project labor agreement that would deliver jobs to the most unemployed zip codes in Carson and it's neighboring cities struggling with similar unemployment rates.

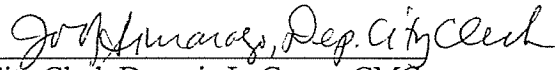
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Carson hereby strongly urges Metro to put a mechanism in place to ensure that Carson residents are offered priority in receiving these jobs. That the Carson City Council fully embrace passage of Measure M and strongly urges the Metro administrative staff to join hands with building trades industry and engage in a Project Labor Agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on this 6th day of December, 2016.

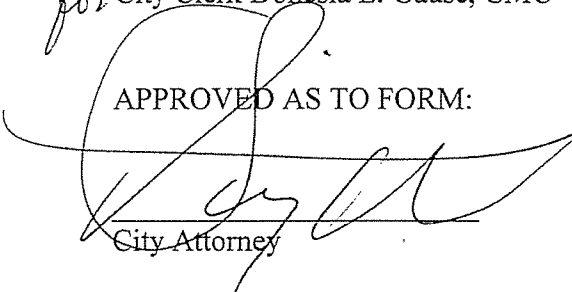


Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:


for Jo Ann Murray, Dep. City Clerk
City Clerk Donesia L. Gause, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney