

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners sets the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION ENCOURAGING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS TO EXPEND FUNDS WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, current state law provides that local jurisdictions receive approximately 10% of all retail sales taxes collected within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, these funds comprise a crucial portion of the funding stream for local government in California; and

WHEREAS, this revenue source is the fifth largest contributor to the City of Los Angeles' General Fund; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles' sales tax revenues amounted to \$292M in FY2010, down from a peak of nearly \$340M in pre-recession Fiscal Year 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has launched the "ShopLA City" program to encourage City departments, staff, residents and businesses to do as much of their purchasing of goods and services as possible within the city limits of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, this practice promises to increase the revenue stream from sales taxes available to the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, an increased revenue stream will better enable the City to provide the services and support its residents and businesses deserve; and

WHEREAS, encouraging people to shop locally promotes healthy businesses, employment, healthy lifestyles and more functional communities; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils receive funding from the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is in both the direct and indirect interest of Neighborhood Councils to expend their allotment of City funds within the city limits whenever possible, as well as to encourage all stakeholders and residents to shop within the city.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners strongly recommends:

Each Neighborhood Council, whenever feasible, should expend as much of its City allocation of funding within the city limits of Los Angeles and encourage all stakeholders to support local, city-based businesses whenever possible.

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VOTES:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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