



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 7, 2010
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-090 IN SUPPORT OF YES ON PROPOSITION 20

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City Manager


Approved by Jerome G. Groomes
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I. SUMMARY

This item on the agenda at the request of Mayor *Pro Tem* Santarina.

In 2008, California voters approved Proposition 11 which gave the power to draw state legislative and Board of Equalization districts to a newly created independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. All state legislative and state Board of Equalization offices were included, but Congress was not. Proposition 20 (Prop. 20) extends the redistricting reforms voters passed in 2008 so the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, instead of politicians, will draw California congressional districts in addition to drawing state legislative districts (Exhibit No. 1). Resolution No. 10-090 supports Proposition 20 (Exhibit No. 2).

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-090, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 20."
2. INSTRUCT staff to transmit a copy of the executed resolution to Mr. Fred Keeley, First Act for Congress, 925 University Avenue, Sacramento, California 95825-6709.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Prop. 20 will allow the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, instead of legislators, to draw congressional districts and ensure the process is fair, open and transparent. The commission excludes individuals with obvious conflicts of interest, including elected officials and their family and staff, from serving on the commission. The commission is comprised of five Republicans, five Democrats and four members not associated with either party and must reflect the diversity of the state.

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