

RESOLUTION NO. 10-090

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING
PROPOSITION 20

WHEREAS, in 2008, California voters approved Proposition 11 and took the power to draw state legislative and Board of Equalization districts out of the hands of politicians and gave it to an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 20 extends what voters already approved under Proposition 11, the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, not legislators, will draw both legislative *and* congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, voting Yes on Proposition 20 expands the work of the voter-approved independent Citizens Redistricting Commission so that the Commission, rather than politicians, draws election districts for members of Congress. It ensures voters can hold politicians accountable through fair and competitive elections; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 20 helps ensure communities of interest are kept intact in congressional districts -- giving voters a greater political voice to demand that important issues are addressed. The measure specifically defines communities of interest as "a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation;"and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the California Supreme Court relied on these principles to draw districts that respected the state's communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 20 supporters include AARP, the National Federation of Independent Business/California, the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, California NAACP, Cal-Tax, the California Chamber of Commerce, California Common Cause and the Asian Pacific American Public Affairs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the city of Carson, California, supports a Yes vote on Proposition 20.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2010.

Mayor Jim Dear