

WHEREAS, because citizens repeatedly rank public safety and street maintenance as their top priorities, the city is proposing a solution that would help maintain these important services; and

WHEREAS, the city expects that the city's financial situation will begin to recover within the next five years due to the general expectation that the state of the economy will improve within that time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the voters a proposal to enact a one cent transactions and use tax in the city of Carson, with the funds to be deposited in the city's General Fund and be used for general city purposes and services including but not limited to Sheriff's services and crime prevention, paramedic and 9-1-1 emergency response services, street repair and maintenance, maintenance of public landscapes and facilities, parks and recreation programs and services, and youth and senior services; and

WHEREAS, by taking this step, keeping the city safe, crime rates low, emergency response times low for all areas of the city, and keeping the city well maintained, we can protect property values and protect the progress the city has made and keep it moving in the right direction; and

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XIII C, § 2, provides any general tax must be submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the foregoing, the City Council determines it is appropriate to place a measure before the voters on November 2, 2010, at a Special Municipal Election regarding adopting a city transactions and use tax.

~~NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA,~~
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, and ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the laws of the state of California relating to general law cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the city of Carson, California, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, a Special Municipal Election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City, the measure specified in Sections 2 and 3, below. The collection of a one cent transactions and use tax as a general tax is hereby proposed pursuant to Article XIII C, § 2(b) of the California Constitution and Government Code §§ 53723 and 53724. Pursuant to Government Code § 53724(d) and Elections Code § 9222, it is the intent of the City Council that the measure be submitted to the voters of Carson at the aforementioned Special Municipal Election.

Section 2. There is no scheduled regular municipal election prior to November of 2010. Given the existence of a fiscal emergency, pursuant to Government Code § 53725(b), the City Council hereby orders that the following measure be submitted to the voters at a Special Municipal Election, rather than the next regular municipal election: