

DRAFT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CARSON

WHEREAS, the current economic downturn has caused a strain on the financial stability of families all across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the city of Carson is home to fixed-income families, seniors, single-parents and other families experiencing financial difficulties during these times; and

WHEREAS, one of the major causes of financial strain is the huge unexpected cost of repair of aging automobiles to make them roadworthy and/or pass smog tests for purposes of registration; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has a vehicle repair assistance and vehicle retirement program which provides financial assistance to qualified Californians to help offset cost of repair and/or retire aging vehicles; and

WHEREAS, these programs have largely remained unknown to residents of the city of Carson due to limited/inadequate dissemination of information from the state; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the city to ensure that Carson residents are informed and made aware of these programs which not only provide financial help, but also help to preserve the environment by assisting in the financial costs of making vehicles "smog compliant" and rid the community of old vehicles which have become an eye sore and environmental hazard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above-premises the City Council enacts the following resolution:

Section 1. Direct city staff to inform Carson residents of the mechanics and qualifications regarding vehicle repair assistance and vehicle retirement program via the city website, city newsletter, and other communication tools; and

Section 2. Create an oversight committee to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the program; and

Section 3. Make available to Carson residents the program literature, guidelines, and forms from the state; and

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EXHIBIT NO. 01

