

AMENDMENT TO AGN. NO. 14

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

December 14, 2010

For years, the City of Vernon has been the subject of repeated investigations, audits, voter irregularities, and criminal prosecutions of City officials. These problems, as well as the absence of a true electorate to hold City Officials accountable, have led the District Attorney to call for the disincorporation of the City.

On December 3, 2010 Speaker Perez introduced A.B. 46 which would disincorporate any city with a population of less than 150 residents, and allow the County Board of Supervisors the option to allow the disincorporation to take effect, or conversely, reverse it.

The Board of Supervisors should support A.B. 46 (Perez) which will allow all options to ultimately be considered for the future governance of Vernon including remaining disincorporated, or annexation to another municipality,

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors amend The State Legislative Agenda to include SUPPORT for AB 46 (Perez).

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The State Legislative Agenda for the 2011-2012 legislative session includes many proposals, as it normally should, to maximize State funding for County and local programs. In light of the inevitable decline in State funding for County programs, the proposed agenda includes a focus on "restoration and preservation of State funding." While this approach may be more appropriate in typical years, the State's current fiscal crisis may warrant a different approach.

The current State budget deficit is projected at approximately \$28 billion—nearly one-third of the State's general fund. Some analysts predict it will grow even larger. Even if revenues are increased through new fees or taxes—a tall order itself—then bridging this deficit of mammoth proportions will necessitate cuts to virtually every State-funded program. While we can fault the State for failure to solve its own budgetary problems, we cannot escape the reality that severe service cuts will occur with or without our input.

Given the certainty of further State funding cuts to County operated programs, It is imperative that we actively participate in determining which program funding is

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reduced, by how much, and when. We should be involved in determining mitigations and, perhaps, determining what mandate reductions should accompany the cuts. And of course, it is essential to ensure that County programs do not suffer disproportionate cuts.

Simply put, this is a time for partnership with the Governor, and the State Legislature, by pledging our assistance to fashion a State budget that does the least harm.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT Item 14, the State Legislative Agenda for the 2011-2012 Session, be amended to direct County Legislative Advocates to pursue a partnership on State funding reductions to Los Angeles County programs, including a five-signature letter to the Governor, the Speaker, and the Senate Pro-tem, indicating the County's willingness to assume a fair share of budget cuts if fashioned with our active participation in designing the long-term budgetary solutions throughout the entire budget adoption process.

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