

CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 07-13

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE OPPOSING SENATE BILL 964
(ROMERO)**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 964 (Romero) would have the effect of prohibiting City staff's ability to communicate with City Council members in order to advance or clarify a member's understanding of an issue; and

WHEREAS, the ability of City staff to communicate with City Council members outside of a public meeting would be severely hampered; and

WHEREAS, items such as summary reports of the upcoming week's events and other items of interest from the City Manager or other City staff would be prohibited, despite the fact that these communications are typically a matter of public record; and

WHEREAS, even attorney-client privileged communications from the City Attorney would be limited, substantially hampering the ability of the City Attorney to communicate legal information to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, informational briefings between City staff and individual City Council members, even though found to be lawful under *Wolfe v. City of Fremont*, would be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, under SB 964, any materials in support of a closed session could only be presented to the legislative body during the closed session and would be prohibited from being distributed with the agenda packet so that City Council Members might have time to read and analyze these materials in advance; and

WHEREAS, draft reports prepared by City staff or consultants could only be shared with City Council members at a public meeting, thus, severely limiting refinement and further analysis before final reports and/or recommendations can be made to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, SB 964 may altogether eliminate the ability of the City Council to create subcommittees to explore and provide in-depth analysis of issues that confront the City; and

WHEREAS, SB 964 has the potential of shifting time-sensitive policy decision-making authority to City staff and away from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, SB 964 would likely result in many continuations of matters pending before the City Council due to questions that could not be asked in advance of the meeting and would hamper the public's ability to complete important business with the City Council in a timely and efficient manner, possibly causing applicants and other residents to lose valuable time and resources as the process reaches a slow and inefficient conclusion;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge hereby opposes S.B. 964 (Romero) and urges its legislative representatives to also oppose this Bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved, that the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge hereby urges all municipalities to oppose this Bill and to encourage their legislative representatives to oppose this Bill.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2007.

David A. Spence
David A. Spence, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caroline deLlamas
Caroline deLlamas, Interim City Clerk

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of La Cañada Flintridge)

I, Caroline deLlamas, Interim City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 07-13 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Regular Meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Olhasso, Voss, Del Guercio and Spence.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

Dated: May 8, 2007

Caroline deLlamas
Caroline deLlamas, Interim City Clerk