

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE LC - THE PARCEL TAX
MEASURE FOR THE LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2009, Measure LC – the Parcel Tax Measure for the La Cañada Unified School District will appear on the ballot for voter consideration; and

WHEREAS, La Cañada Unified School District is among the best in California, student test scores are in the top 2% and 99% of our students go on to college; and

WHEREAS, the \$42 billion state budget crisis is expected to result in La Cañada Unified School District losing an estimated \$15.8 million in state funding over the next 5 years; and

WHEREAS, La Cañada Unified School District has built reserves through cost cutting and revenue enhancement including cutting non-teaching staff, leasing school property and securing grants; and

WHEREAS, these reserves will not be sufficient to offset unprecedented state funding reductions; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to minimize layoffs and retain teachers, limit increased class sizes, maintain rigorous curriculum and advanced instruction in core subjects including math, science, technology, reading, and writing and preserve programs that ensure students are prepared to succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS, Measure LC is a responsible, affordable, and prudent way to fund needed academic programs; and

WHEREAS, every penny raised by a proposed parcel tax would stay in La Cañada Flintridge to benefit our students and no money can be taken by the State; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from Measure LC will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure funds are spent properly; and

WHEREAS, Measure LC provides an optional exemption for seniors and people with disabilities to ensure the cost is not a burden to those on a fixed income; and

WHEREAS, quality local schools protect property values; and

WHEREAS, passage of Measure LC will provide stable local funding for La Cañada Flintridge schools that will make them less dependent on unpredictable state funding; and

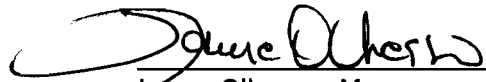
WHEREAS, passage of Measure LC will strengthen local control of our schools;

WHEREAS, without Measure LC, the La Cañada Unified School District's school rankings could be affected; and

WHEREAS, City revenues are, in many ways, tied to the extraordinarily high quality of education of our school system;

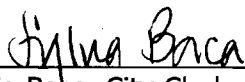
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge does hereby support Measure LC – the Parcel Tax Measure for the La Cañada Unified School District.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2009.



Laura Olhasso, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

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

I, Sylvia Baca, City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 09-09 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Regular Meeting held on the 4th day of May 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Del Guercio, Spence, Voss, Olhasso
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

Dated: May 5, 2009



Sylvia Baca, City Clerk