

RESOLUTION NO. 10-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE ENCOURAGING MOTORISTS NOT TO TEXT MESSAGE WHILE DRIVING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge holds the health and safety of its citizens as a paramount concern; and

WHEREAS, wireless phone use has become ubiquitous through our community, California, and the nation as a whole and driving while attempting to send an electronic text message poses a hazard not just to the driver themselves, but to passengers, other drivers, and pedestrians as well; and

WHEREAS, the use of text messages has grown exponentially in recent years and any time a driver attempts to send an electronic text message while driving, his or her attention is diverted from the road; and

WHEREAS, a recent Pew Internet & American Life Project study found that 26% of American teens of driving age say that they have texted while driving, and 48% of all teens 12 to 17 say that they have been a passenger while a driver has sent a text message; and

WHEREAS, a recent Nationwide Insurance study showed that eighty percent of respondents support some type of ban on sending text messages or emails while driving; and

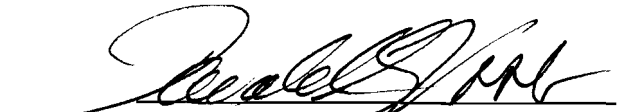
WHEREAS, a recent Virginia Tech study showed sending electronic text messages while driving makes an accident 23 times more likely and a driver that attempts to send electronic text messages while driving is riskier than driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation, with the support of the drivers' unions, has banned all commercial truck and bus drivers from sending electronic text messages while driving; and,

WHEREAS, it is illegal to send electronic text messages while driving in the state of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of La Cañada Flintridge promotes safe driving and hereby endorses efforts to educate the general public about the danger of texting while driving.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2010.


Donald R. Voss, Mayor

ATTEST:

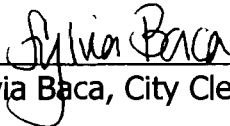

Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

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. 10-14 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Regular Meeting held on the 3rd day of May 2010, by the following vote:

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

Dated: May 4, 2010



Sylvia Baca, City Clerk