

CITY OF TORRANCE

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: September 7, 2016

TO: CITY CLERK
FROM: JOHN L. FELLOWS III, CITY ATTORNEY
CC: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: COUNCIL ACTION TO APPROVE TORRANCE PARTICIPATION IN MEASURE M
LAWSUIT

On July 26, 2016, the Torrance City Council met in Closed Session under Council Agenda Item 14(c) to discuss anticipated litigation between Torrance and a number of other South Bay cities as plaintiffs and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as defendant. By a 6-0 affirmative vote (Councilman Rizzo absent), the Council authorized staff to participate in work on joint educational outreach concerning the Measure and to join in a lawsuit with other South Bay cities challenging the language of the Measure. Final action was not taken that evening by the Torrance City Council, since the makeup of cities who would participate in the lawsuit was not clear at that time, nor had cost-sharing or non-disclosure agreements been finalized. The lawsuit was filed on August 26, 2016. The filing of the lawsuit was reported in the Daily Breeze on August 29. In response to the Daily Breeze report, the City Clerk received an inquiry on September 6, asking when the City Council met and approved participation in the Measure M litigation. The City Council did not meet on either August 30 or September 6, so there was no opportunity to announce publicly the Council's action of July 26.

With final action now having occurred and a request for disclosure having been made, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(2), the City is now required to make the public disclosure outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,



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