## ORDINANCE NO. 18-1801

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2419, TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PROHIBITED MAILINGS BY THE MAYOR AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Carson, California, does HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Standard Management Practice 1.56 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> A new Section 2419 is hereby added to the Carson Municipal Code, at Chapter 4, to read, in its entirety, as follows (new text in *bold & italics*):

## "2419. Prohibited Mass Mailings by Councilmembers

(a) No member of the City Council nor Mayor shall cause to be designed, produced, printed, copied, or distributed, by any means, to any person's residence, place of employment or business, or post office box, any newsletter, brochure, flyer, letter, or other mailing at city expense, excluding any single letter sent in response to an unsolicited request, without the prior approval of the City Council.

(b) City expense shall be defined as any expenditure of city funds, any use of city staff time or city facilities or equipment to design, produce, print, or copy any newsletter, brochure, flyer, poster, letter, , or other mailing."

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its second reading and adoption.

**SECTION 5.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause the same to be posted and codified in the manner required by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:

MAYOR ALBERT ROBLES

CITY CLERK DONESIA GAUSE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY SUNNY K. SOLTANI