

RESOLUTION NO. 19-085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING MEASURE
EE THE QUALITY TEACHER, CLASS SIZE
REDUCTION, AND LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY
MEASURE

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Teachers' Strike concluded with an agreement in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provided 3% raises for teachers, retroactive to the 2017-18 school year and an additional 3% raise retroactive to July 2018, a class size reduction of about four students over three years, a full-time nurse to every school, five days a week, enough librarians to staff libraries on secondary-school campuses, and enough counselors to bring the ratio closer to one counselor per 500 students at middle and high schools; and

WHEREAS, LAUSD is already facing increased financial strain due to declining student enrollment and increased contributions to state-run pension funds and retiree health benefits; and

WHEREAS, a new analysis conducted by the Los Angeles County of Education revealed that under the new contract terms, LAUSD will fall below its legally required reserves in just three years; and

WHEREAS, a financially unstable school district will put the quality of education and welfare of hundreds of thousands of students at risk; and

WHEREAS, a parcel tax is the most equitable and least regressive means to increase local funding for public education; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2019, the LAUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to place a parcel tax - the "Quality Teacher, Class Size Reduction, Local School Safety Measure - before voters on a special election to be held June 4, 2019; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Carson, California supports the Quality Teacher, Class Size Reduction, Local School Safety Measure.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2019.

Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia Gause Aldana, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney