



CITY OF CARSON

Legislation Text

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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Consent

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 19-085 SUPPORTING MEASURE EE, THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY TEACHER, CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURE (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

Earlier this year the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers went on strike. The conclusion of that strike included an agreement between the school district and the teachers that provided a number of benefits to teachers. Without increasing its revenue, those agreed-upon contract terms will cause LAUSD to fall below its legally required reserves in just three years.

A proposed parcel tax titled Measure EE is being brought before the voters on June 4, 2019, to increase local funding for public education. Attached for the Council's consideration as Exhibit No. 1 is Resolution No. 19-085, a resolution of support for Measure EE.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 19-085, "SUPPORTING MEASURE EE THE QUALITY TEACHER, CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, AND LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURE"
2. REQUEST staff to forward a copy of the executed Resolution 19-085 to the board members of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

III. ALTERNATIVES

DO NOT support Resolution No. 19-085.

IV. BACKGROUND

The teachers strike concluded with an agreement that included 3% 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 assigned 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. New analysis conducted by the Los Angeles County Office of Education revealed that under the new contract terms, LAUSD will fall below its legally required reserves in just three years. LAUSD is already facing increased financial strain due to declining student enrollment and increased contributions to state-run pension funds and retiree health benefits.

As a remedy to the pending shortfall, on February 28, 2019, the LAUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to place a parcel tax called “The Quality Teacher, Class Size Reduction, Local School Safety Measure” before voters on a special election to be held June 4, 2019. The parcel tax, if approved, will increase local funding for public education and minimize the financial gap.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 19-085. (pgs. 3-4)

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