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**To:** Jomsky, Mark
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**Subject:** 9/26 City Council Mtg > SUPPORT AR7 RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers –

Please register my full support the Recommendations of the Legislative Policy Committee outlined in AR7 – indicating Advocacy Recommendations on specific upcoming Ballot Initiatives.

I am "in line" with all of the recommendations made, and particularly interested in the City's support of Proposition 67 (protecting ban on single-use bags) as well as L.A. County Measures "M" and "A " (with full appreciation of the future funding that may be generated to support capital improvements for our streets, traffic and parks).

Thank you –
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PASADENA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& CIVIC ASSOCIATION

September 26, 2016

Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Council
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109
VIA EMAIL

Re: Propositons

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council Members,

There are multiple initiatives and measure on the ballot this November. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has taken positions on many of them. We will be communicating the result of all the recommendations later this week.

The Board of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce took these positions on the statewide and county initiatives that you are considering this evening:

Los Angeles County

Measure M: Sales tax to fund transportation in Los Angeles County. SUPPORT. Transportation and transit needs are underfunded, there is a significant local return for Pasadena and the area and the measure is required to fund Gold Line to Claremont and other projects important to the San Gabriel Valley and Pasadena.

Measure A: Assessment to fund Los Angeles County Parks. OPPOSE. The per square footage assessment formula is too heavily weighted against business and commercial interests who will be paying significantly higher assessments than residential properties. The amounts being raised are significantly higher than the expiring parcel tax without adequate information about specific projects that would be funded.

State of California

Proposition 51: School Bonds. OPPOSE. The proposition is another budgeting by ballot box measure that removes the legislature and the governor from decisions about spending and bonding. Also, the amount being raised is so small that it will not have a noticeable impact anywhere in California.

Proposition 54: Transparency. SUPPORT. The proposition would force the legislature ti discontinue the practice of "gut-and-amend" where legislation is stripped of its text at the last minute and new text is substituted that the public has not had a chance to even learn about. Would go toward assisting good government efforts in Sacramento.

Proposition 67: Overturn Plastic Bag ban. SUPPORT. The State of California levelled the competitive markets by banning plastic bags statewide.

The Chamber Legislative and Government Affairs Committee is making these recommendations:

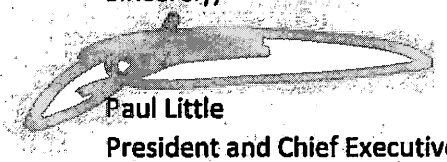
Proposition 54: Cigarette Tax. SUPPORT. Californian smoking has a detrimental impact on the health of all state residents, especially children. The tax would impact cigarette use by making the product significantly more expensive. Funds would be used to provide smoking cessation, treatment and other programs to reduce smoking rates in the state.

Proposition 65: revenue from Disposable Bag Sales. OPPOSE. The measure would be confusing and complicated for stores that are no longer allowed to use plastic bags. This puts an undue burden on retail grocery stores while adding money to an agency that is not prepared to utilize the funds.

The Pasadena Chamber and our Legislative and Government Affairs Committee took no position on Proposition on Proposition 57, as yet.

Thank you for considering our position as you deliberate the City of Pasadena's positions on these measures.

Sincerely,



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