

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Argument in Favor of the Question Designated as Measure Y -- Enactment of a Half-Cent Sales Tax (which Automatically Expires after 10 Years) to be Considered by the Voters at the Special Municipal Election of November 6, 2012.

ATTACHMENTS

	<u>Pages</u>
1. Proposed Resolution.	1-3

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION No. 2012- R_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF A QUESTION RELATED TO THE IMPOSITION OF A CITY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, a Special Municipal Election (Election) is to be held in the City of Culver City on November 6, 2012, at which time there will be submitted to the voters the following question:

Measure Y

To offset state budget cuts, preserve quality neighborhoods and ensure effective 911 emergency response by retaining firefighters, police officers, and paramedics; fixing potholes/streets; maintaining parks, community centers, storm drains; continuing after school programs, senior services, graffiti removal, arts/cultural programs, and other general services, shall Culver City enact a half-cent sales tax, automatically expiring after ten years, requiring independent financial audits, all funds used locally, and no money for Sacramento?

YES _____

NO _____

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

1. The Argument in Favor of said Measure Y attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved; and,

1
2 2. The arguments shall be filed with the Elections Official, signed, with the
3 printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it. The arguments
4 shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be filed by author(s) of the
5 arguments.

6
7 APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2012.

8
9
10 _____
11 ANDREW WEISSMAN, MAYOR
12 City of Culver City, California

13 ATTEST

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM

15 _____
16 MARTIN R. COLE, City Clerk

17 
18 _____
19 CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

We are proud to live and work in Culver City. We enjoy high quality services and programs that provide an exceptional quality of life. But since 2008, City revenues have shrunk by over \$6 million and Sacramento has taken over \$4.5 million in funding and eliminated redevelopment, depriving us of as much as \$40 million annually and threatening our successes.

We have taken unprecedented measures to deal with this crisis: reducing the City workforce by nearly 18% and reducing the operating budget deficit through a combination of departmental cuts, retirements, and healthcare concessions. In addition, all our labor unions agreed to pay their full share of pension costs and to cap health care expenses, thereby reducing the City's costs for pensions and health benefits, now and into the future.

Yet, despite these steps, our reserves are being drained to pay for essential daily services, resulting in an annual general fund deficit of nearly \$8 million. To close this gap, we need a balanced approach that continues to reduce expenditures and generates new revenues.

A ½ cent City sales tax (example: 5 cents on a \$10 purchase) will enable Culver City to continue to provide its many essential services.

All tax funds from Measure Y will stay in Culver City and cannot be taken by the State. The ½ cent tax will end in 10 years and a Public Advisory Committee will ensure full accountability and transparency.

Measure Y enables us to avoid cutbacks in vital services such as 911 emergency and paramedic response, police and fire protection, parks and recreation programming, as well as programs for the disabled, senior citizens and our youth.

We urge a Yes vote on Measure Y - a vote for locally controlled funding - to maintain and protect the continued safety, security and services for Culver City residents.