

MEETING DATE:

August 11, 2014

AGENDA ITEM:

**(If Desired) Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council
Stating the City's Support of AB 1839 which Expands
and Extends the State Film Tax Credit through Fiscal
Year 2020/2021 .**

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

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1 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-R _____
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
4 CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA STATING THE CITY'S
5 SUPPORT OF AB 1839 WHICH EXPANDS AND EXTENDS
6 THE STATE FILM TAX CREDIT THROUGH FISCAL YEAR
2020/2021.

7 WHEREAS, Culver City and all of Southern California have long been
8 considered the entertainment capital of the world, home to studios, post-production
9 facilities, a myriad of outdoor locations, and the most talented and well-trained creative
10 and technical workers in the field; and,
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12 WHEREAS, for decades, Culver City has been a popular location for all
13 manner of filming projects ranging from television commercials to full-feature movie
14 projects since the inception of the film industry in the early 20th century; and,
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16 WHEREAS, Culver City is the proud headquarters for numerous
17 production companies and home to thousands of film industry professionals; and,
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19 WHEREAS, in the last 15 years, film production has dropped nearly 50%
20 in California; and,
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22 WHEREAS, in 2013, 21 of 23 new prime time series were filmed outside
23 of California; and,
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25 WHEREAS, since the late 1990's, many countries and 44 states have
26 enacted film and television production incentives to draw film and production activity
27 away from California, including a \$500 million incentive program in New York and a
28 \$196.8 million incentive program in Louisiana; and,

1 WHEREAS, according to the Los Angeles Economic Development
2 Corporation, the total business establishments is estimated at 13,100; and
3 Entertainment is the largest trade industry cluster in Los Angeles County, with a total
4 employment of 159,900 (2010); and Los Angeles County's Entertainment employment
5 sector makes up 63% of California's Entertainment employment and 15% of the
6 nation's Entertainment employment; and,
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8 WHEREAS, according to Film Works/FilmLA, Entertainment is the third
9 largest industry in Los Angeles County; and,
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11 WHEREAS, AB 1839 (Gatto) would significantly expand California's tax
12 credit program to include incentives that would encourage more film and television
13 productions to remain in the State; and,
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15 WHEREAS, the Entertainment industry is valuable to Culver City residents,
16 especially those who work at studios headquartered in Culver City, such as Sony
17 Pictures Entertainment, and Culver City is also home to many small businesses that
18 support the film, television, and commercial production industry across the State; and,
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20 WHEREAS, as "The Heart of Screenland," the City of Culver City supports
21 legislative efforts to keep film, television, and commercial advertisement production
22 and post-production in the State of California in general and within Culver City,
23 specifically.
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25 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES
26 HEREBY RESOLVE:
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28 1. The City of Culver City hereby reaffirms its support for AB 1839
(Gatto) which allows television productions and more film productions to participate in

1 the California State Film Tax Credit Program, which will start allocating credits in the
2 2016/2017 State fiscal year until July 1, 2021.

3 2. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to transmit
4 a copy of this Resolution to all elected officials that represent Culver City; Members of
5 the State Legislature who may consider and vote on AB 1839; and others who may
6 express interest in AB 1839.

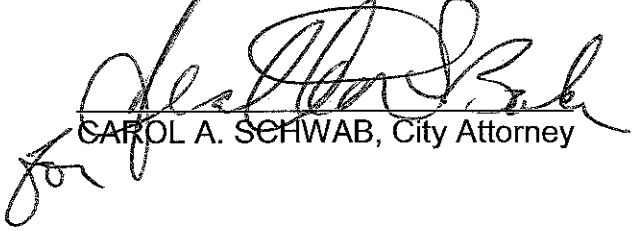
8 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2014.

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12 MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

13 ATTEST:

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 MARTIN R. COLE, City Clerk

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18 CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

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