1	RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R
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3	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE
4	SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING ACT OF 2020.
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6	WHEREAS, for the last four decades, cities and counties in California have
7	experienced underinvestment and significant cuts to critical services and infrastructure on
8	which the residents rely; and
9 10	WHEREAS, the lack of adequate local funding is the result of an inequitable
11	tax system for commercial and industrial properties; and
12	WHEREAS, property taxes on commercial and industrial properties are a
13	principal source of funding for our schools and local communities. While virtually every
14	other state assesses commercial and industrial property based on its fair market value,
15	California allows commercial and industrial property taxes to go many years, even
16	decades, without reassessment; and
17 18	WHEREAS, such a tax system diverts funds away from schools and local
19	communities' essential services; and
20	WHEREAS, property tax is one of the few discretionary sources of revenue
21	for cities and counties; and
22	WHEREAS, experts estimate that the California Schools and Local
23	Communities Funding Act (the "Measure") reclaims \$12 billion in property tax revenue
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25	every year by requiring commercial and industrial real property be assessed and taxed
26	based on fair market value; and
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WHEREAS, the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act does 1 not affect property taxes for homeowners or renters because the initiative exempts all 2 3 residential property; and 4 WHEREAS, allocation of revenues to cities, counties and special districts will 5 follow current property tax allocation; and 6 WHEREAS, the Legislative Analyst Office estimates the Measure will provide 7 billions in locally-controlled property tax funding yearly for cities, counties, and special 8 districts: and 9 WHEREAS, academic researchers at the University of Southern California 10 11 (USC) have identified that the vast majority of reclaimed revenue will come from a fraction 12 of large commercial and industrial properties; and 13 WHEREAS, USC research shows that a majority of commercial owners 14 already pay close to market value, making the current system inequitable among 15 businesses, benefitting large owners who have held land for a long period; and 16 WHEREAS, the current tax system has led to poor land use and inflated land 17 18 values, particularly affecting the ability to provide adequate high-density housing; and 19 WHEREAS, the Measure incentivizes the development of residential units 20 and provides more funding for communities to invest in affordable housing; and 21 WHEREAS, the Measure provides new tax incentives to spur new investment 22 in small businesses by eliminating the business personal property tax on equipment for 23 California's small businesses; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the Measure also exempts all small business owners whose 26 property is worth \$3 million or less; and 27 28 -2-

1	WHEREAS, the Measure levels the playing field for businesses that already
2	pay their fair share in our communities; and
3	WHEREAS, the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of
4	2020 is on the November 3, 2020 ballot;
5	WHEREAS, now more than ever, in light of the national and state economic
6	crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, California's local communities need
7	additional revenues for their continued provision of services.
8 9	NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES
10	HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:
11	The City Council of the City of Culver City hereby supports Proposition 15, the
12	California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020, on the November 3, 2020
13	ballot.
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16	APPROVED and ADOPTED this day of 2020.
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19 20	GÖRAN ERIKSSON, Mayor City of Culver City, California
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22	ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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24	JEREMY GREEN, City Clerk A20-00314
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