

**RESOLUTION NO. 7010****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA,  
OPPOSING MEASURE "R" (LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX INCREASE)  
ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2008, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) approved an ordinance for a one-half percent sales tax increase to be placed on the November, 2008 ballot for consideration by the voters of Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure "R" calls for a 30-year countywide increase of one-half percent in the sales tax that is expected to generate approximately \$40 billion in sales tax revenue for transportation projects, transit operations and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles County needs additional funding for vital transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure "R" was not crafted with countywide consensus nor does it provide an acceptable standard of long-term equity for all regions of Los Angeles County which will be paying this new sales tax; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure "R" proponents rejected provisions that would guarantee a fair distribution of transportation funds throughout the entire region; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to explore alternatives for generating transportation revenues, planning, and funding transportation programs in Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Expenditure Plan for Measure "R" contains \$780 million for a "710 Gap Closure" that has not yet been defined and for which no environmental review has been undertaken, in violation of the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and


**WHEREAS**, Measure "R" is opposed by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, and LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, the SGVCOG recognizes that the "710 Gap Closure" tunnel is questionable at this point, and Metro failed to guarantee that any funds dedicated to the tunnel could be turned in without prejudice for other projects in the San Gabriel Valley.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of South Pasadena opposes Measure "R" (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One-Half Percent Sales Tax Increase) on the November 4, 2008 Ballot.


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

  
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Philip C. Putnam, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Sally Kilby, City Clerk

  
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Richard L. Adams II, City Attorney

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena at a regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Cacciotti, Schneider, Sifuentes, Ten and Mayor Putnam

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

  
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Sally Kilby, City Clerk