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**AGENDA FOR THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5655 JILLSON WAY, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leon

**ROLL CALL** City Clerk Olivieri

**PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME LIMITATION – 5 MINUTES)**

**Citizens wishing to address the City Council on any item on the agenda or on any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time. However, State law (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) prohibits the City Council from acting upon any item not contained on the agenda posted 72 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. Upon request, the City Council may, in their discretion, allow citizen participation on a specific item on the agenda at the time the item is considered by the City Council. Request to address City Council cards are provided by the City Clerk. If you wish to address the City Council at this time, please complete a speaker's card and give it to the City Clerk prior to commencement of the City Council meeting. Please use the microphone provided, clearly stating your name and address for the official record and courteously limiting your remarks to five (5) minutes so others may have the opportunity to speak as well.**

**To increase the effectiveness of the Public Comment Period, the following rules shall be followed:**

**No person shall make any remarks which result in disrupting, disturbing or otherwise impeding the meeting.**

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- 1. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, Expressing Support for the Study of "Community Alternative 7" Developed by the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice in Conjunction with Community Stakeholders for the I-710 Corridor Project**

**The City Council will consider for approval and adoption a proposed Resolution expressing support for the study of "Community Alternative 7", developed by the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice in**

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conjunction with community stakeholders, for the I-710 Freeway Improvement Project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

**LARGE PRINTS OF THIS AGENDA ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST  
FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, MONDAY-FRIDAY,  
8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.**



# AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 29, 2013

TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STUDY OF "COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE 7" DEVELOPED BY THE COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and adopt the Resolution expressing support for the study of "Community Alternative 7" for the I-710 Corridor Expansion Project and assign the number next in order.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve the recommendation.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 15, 2013, the City Council received a presentation on the "Community Alternative 7" developed by the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice ("CEHAJ") in conjunction with community stakeholders for the I-710 Corridor expansion Project (the "Project"). The City Council expressed strong enthusiasm in support of the presentation and requested that staff bring the item back on January 22, 2013, in order for the City Council to consider taking action to express its support for Alternative 7.

City staff did not receive a copy of Alternative 7 until the time of the presentation. On January 22, 2013, staff advised the Council that because of the complexity of the Project, staff needed more time to analyze the details of Alternative 7. After considering the matter, the City Council determined that the City of Commerce should adopt a resolution that indicates the City's support for the inclusion of Alternative 7 for study and analysis as part of the recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study for the Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This activity can be carried out at this time without additional impact on the current operating budget.

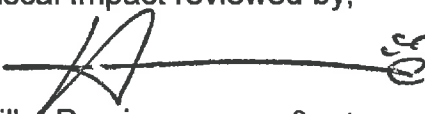
**RELATIONSHIP TO 2012 STRATEGIC GOALS:**

The issue before the Council is applicable to the following Council strategic goal to "Protect and Enhance Quality of Life in the City of Commerce". The recommendations contained in this report are intended to insure that Commerce residents are afforded the most efficient and effective opportunity to engage in meaningful public participation on matters concerning their quality of life.

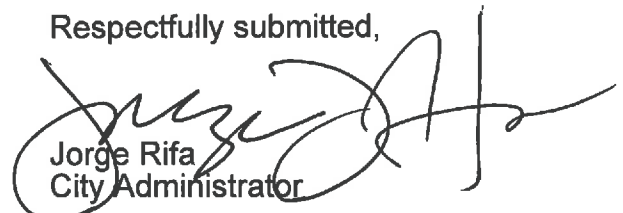
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City Administrator

Approved as to form,

  
Eduardo Olivo  
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA,  
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STUDY OF "COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE 7"  
DEVELOPED BY THE COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE I-710 CORRIDOR  
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the I-710 Freeway travels through the City of Commerce, and the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") in partnership with several agencies seeks to expand this transportation facility (the "I-710 Freeway Improvement Project"; and

WHEREAS, the I-710 Freeway Improvement Project will have significant environmental, economic, and health impacts on the City of Commerce and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (the "DEIR/DEIS"), released in 2012 for the I-710 Freeway Improvement Project, outlined alternatives, including: no build, ten general purpose lanes, ten general purpose lanes plus four separated truck lanes, ten general purpose lanes plus four separated advanced technology truck lanes, and ten general purpose lanes plus four separated truck lanes with a toll, alternative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce seeks to advance local jobs, protect community health and provide 21<sup>st</sup> century mobility options for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice ("CEHAJ") developed "Community Alternative 7", which includes the following seven components: (1) no widening of the general purpose lanes; (2) a comprehensive public transit element; (3) a mandatory zero-emission freight corridor of four lanes; (4) public private partnership used to operate the new freight corridor; (5) improvements to the LA River; (6) a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle element, and (7) community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce submitted a September 27, 2012, Comment Letter to the DEIR/DEIS, which acknowledged that "Community Alternative 7" attempts to balance the predominately regional project benefits with benefits for the largely poor and minority residential neighborhoods that will be adversely affected, and gives voice to those constituents who might not otherwise be heard in the environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is considering a recirculated DEIR/DEIS in order to properly address all comments that have been received and to assess the various project alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce is still very much committed to seeking to advance local jobs, protect community health and provide 21<sup>st</sup> century mobility options for residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Commerce respectfully requests that "Community Alternative 7" be studied in the recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the I-710 Freeway Improvement Project.

SECTION 2. The City Administrator is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Lilia R. Leon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Kay Olivieri, MMC  
City Clerk