# RESOLUTION NO. 21-

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita, California, values and places the highest priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita, California, emphasizes supporting public safety policies to prevent and reduce criminal activity in its adopted 2021 Executive and Legislative Platform; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020, including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-06 eliminates cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07 declines or dismisses several misdemeanor charges, including trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of a controlled substance, public intoxication, and resisting arrest; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-08 eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

WHEREAS, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon, violate state law, which were enacted through the legislative or ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Special Directives listed in this resolution undermine the legislative and ballot initiative process and risk safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance for the City of Santa Clarita, California, that policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives are consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims' rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita, California, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The Santa Clarita City Council affirms a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon and hereby directs staff transmit said resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations. SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.CITY OF SANTA CLARITA)

I, Mary Cusick, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 21- was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

CITY CLERK

# RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

## <u>RECITALS</u>

- A. The City of Whittier places a high priority on public safety, and adopted as its first of five strategic goals for the community the goal, "Provide for Public Safety".
- B. The City has a history of supporting legislation and ballot initiatives that increase public safety and protect the community.
- C. Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón has issued a series of Special Directives that appear to contradict voter-approved ballot initiatives.
- D. It is important to the Whittier City Council that policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives be consistent with state law, and issued with reasonable intent and priority to protect the general public and victims' rights.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantial part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. The City of Whittier affirms a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and hereby directs staff to transmit this resolution to interested offices and organizations.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to passage and adoption thereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

JOSEPH A. VINATIERI, Mayor

ATTEST:

# RESOLUTION NO.

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pico Rivera (the "City") places a high priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a history of supporting legislation and ballot initiatives that increase public safety and protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020 including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Directive 20-06: Pretrial Release Policy, eliminated cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07: Misdemeanor Case Management, lists numerous misdemeanor charges that will be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless "exceptions" or "factors for consideration" exist. These misdemeanor charges include trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drinking in public, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substance in public, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, minor in possession of alcohol, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Directive 20-08: Sentencing Enhancements/Allegations eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón contradict state laws that were enacted through the state legislature as well as the legislative ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives need to be consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims' rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera as follows:

**SECTION 1**. The City Council of the City of Pico Rivera expresses a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and hereby directs

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staff to transmit the resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations.

**SECTION 2.** That Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón rescind Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council of the City of Pico Rivera insists that Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón uphold the laws of the state, whether they were established by the state legislature or the voters of this state, and demands no Special Directives be issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón which contradict these laws.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this resolution and it shall thereupon be in full force and effect.

APPROVED AND PASSED this <u>13th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2021.

Raul Elias, Mayor

ATTEST:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk

Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-21**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster ("City") considers public safety and protecting its community an utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster has a history of supporting legislation and ballot initiatives that increase public safety and protect the community; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020 including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07 and 20-08; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-06: Pretrial Release Policy, eliminated cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07: Misdemeanor Case Management, lists numerous misdemeanor charges that will be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless "exceptions" or "factors for consideration" exist. These misdemeanor charges include trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drinking in public, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substance in public, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, minor in possession of alcohol, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-08: Sentencing Enhancements/Allegations eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

WHEREAS, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon contradict state laws that were enacted through the state legislature as well as the legislative ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives need to be consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims' rights; and Resolution No. 21-21 Page No. 2

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Lancaster strongly affirms a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon and hereby directs staff to transmit the resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations.

Section 2. The City of Lancaster demands Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon rescind every Special Directive issued since being sworn into office on December 7, 2020.

Section 3. The City of Lancaster insists that Los Angeles County District George Gascon uphold the laws of the state, whether they were established by the state legislature or the voters of this state, and demands no Special Directives be issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon which contradict these laws.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA ALEXANDER City Clerk City of Lancaster R. REX PARRIS Mayor City of Lancaster Resolution No. 21-21 Page No. 3

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA } COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES }ss CITY OF LANCASTER }

#### CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION CITY OF LANCASTER

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 21-21, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

(seal)

# **RESOLUTION NO. 21-14**

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA AFFIRMING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON'S SPECIAL DIRECTIVES

### A. <u>Recitals.</u>

- (i) The City of La Mirada values and places the highest priority on public safety and protecting its community.
- Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020, including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08.
- (iii) Special Directive 20-06 eliminates cash bail for any misdemeanor, nonserious felony, or non-violent felony offense.
- (iv) Special Directive 20-07 declines or dismisses several misdemeanor charges, including trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of a controlled substance, public intoxication, and resisting arrest.
- (v) Special Directive 20-08 eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail.
- (vi) Some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon violate state law, which were enacted through the legislative or ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public.
- (vii) The Special Directives listed in this resolution undermine the legislative and ballot initiative process and risk safety of the general public.
- (viii) It is of the utmost importance for the City of La Mirada that policies aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives are consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims' rights.

#### B. <u>Resolution.</u>

**NOW THEREFORE,** the City Council of the City of La Mirada hereby finds and resolves as follows:

1. The facts set forth in the Recitals, above, are true and correct.

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- 2. The City of La Mirada affirms a vote of no confidence for Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon's Special Directives and hereby directs staff to transmit said resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations.
- 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Ed Eng, Mayor

Attest:

I, Anne Haraksin, City Clerk of the City of La Mirada, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mirada held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS OF VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills places the utmost priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills has a history of supporting legislation and ballot initiatives that increase public safety and protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills emphasizes supporting public safety policies to prevent and reduce criminal activities in its adopted 2021 Legislative Platform; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020 including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-06: Pretrial Release Policy, eliminated cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07: Misdemeanor Case Management, lists numerous misdemeanor charges that will be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless "exceptions" or "factors for consideration" exist. These misdemeanor charges include trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drinking in public, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substance in public, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, minor in possession of alcohol, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-08: Sentencing Enhancements/Allegations eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

WHEREAS, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón contradict state laws that were enacted through the state legislature as well as the legislative ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives need to be consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims' rights; and NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Beverly Hills strongly affirms a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and hereby direct staff to transmit the resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations.

Section 2. The City of Beverly Hills demands Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón rescind every Special Directive issued since being sworn into office on December 7, 2020.

Section 3. The City of Beverly Hills insists Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón uphold the laws of the state, whether they were established by the state legislature or the voters of this state, and demands no Special Directives be issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón which contradict these laws.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Council of this City.

Adopted:

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

HUMA AHMED City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS CONTENT:

LAUREŃCE S. WIENER City Attorney GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager