RESOLUTION NO. CC-2105-045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, OF A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN.

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach values and places the utmost priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach supports public safety policies to prevent and reduce criminal activity; 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 eliminates cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07 directs that several categories of misdemeanor charges, including trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substance, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution shall be declined for prosecution or dismissed; 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 Gascón contradict state laws, 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 Redondo Beach 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 REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Redondo Beach strongly affirms a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and hereby directs staff to transmit said resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations; SECTION 2. The City of Redondo Beach urges Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón to rescind every Special Directive issued since being sworn into office on December 7, 2020; and

SECTION 3. The City of Redondo Beach 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 District Attorney George Gascón which contradict these laws.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2021.

William C. Brand, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael W. Webb, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ssCITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. CC-2105-045 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 18th day of May, 2021, and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC City Clerk