RESOLUTION NO. 07-1462

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE RENEWAL OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES GRASSROOTS NETWORK PROGRAM

- **WHEREAS,** until 2004 the cities of California were faced with continual actions by the legislature and the administration to take city revenues and use those revenues to counter deficits in the state general fund; and
- WHEREAS, this repeated action by the legislature and the administration seriously threatened the ability of local government to deliver essential public services to local communities; and
- **WHEREAS,** in 2001 the Board of Directors and membership of the League of California Cities took actions to strengthen the effectiveness of the League and to prevent the year-after-year erosion of local public services; and
- WHEREAS, the membership of the League overwhelmingly supported the establishment of the League's Grassroots network program and the accompanying dues increase to hire and support 15 new, professional grassroots staff positions in the organization; and
- WHEREAS, the Grassroots network program in the League has been a key factor in the League's efforts to secure passage of Proposition 1A in 2004 that placed an effective constitutional restraint against the state continuing to take local government revenues to help meet state fiscal problems; and
- WHEREAS, the League grassroots network program has been effective in other statewide ballot measures battles including Proposition 42 in 2002, protecting transportation money for transportation purposes; and Proposition 46 in 2002, enacting a statewide bond measure for affordable housing; and the most recent defeat in 2006 of Proposition 90 that threatened to squander taxpayer money and negate local land use decision-making authority; and
- **WHEREAS,** the League grassroots network program has proven to be an effective tool in support of the League's legislative program; and
- WHEREAS, the League's grassroots network program is known as one of the preeminent grassroots programs in the country; and
- **WHEREAS,** Article XVII, Section 3 (c) of the League bylaws provides that the membership of the League shall be asked to vote before December 31, 2007 on the continuation of the Grassroots program beyond December 31, 2008; and
- **WHEREAS,** the League Board of Directors desires to hold this election at the Annual Business Meeting of the League scheduled to be held in on September 8, 2007 in conjunction with the 2007 Annual Conference in Sacramento; and

AYES:

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WHEREAS, the League Board of Directors respectfully urges each city to support continuation of the grassroots network program because of its proven effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the grassroots network program will not cause a dues increase for cities since support for the program is now part of the base budget of the League of California Cities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills as follows:

1. The General Assembly of the League of California Cities, assembled in Annual Conference in Sacramento, September 8, 2007, resolved that the Grassroots Network Program, first established by the member cities of the League of California Cities in 2001, be continued and operated in accordance with the bylaws of the league of California Cities.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2007, by the following vote to wit:

NOES:	(0)		
ABSTAIN:	(0)		
ABSENT:	(0)		
		Dan Kuperberg, Mayor	
ATTEST:			
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Kimberly M. Rodrig	ues, City Clerk		