

RESOLUTION

OF THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF THE HIGH DESERT

WHEREAS, the Democratic Club of the High Desert represents many of the registered democrats of the Antelope Valley region, including, but not limited to, veterans, disabled, and the poor.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lancaster has the responsibility to represent and work on behalf of every Antelope Valley resident including, but not limited to, veterans, disabled, and the poor.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lancaster has the responsibility to engage in public policy planning that is based in verifiable fact, including any research, studies, and/or surveys, that must be able to be held to generally accepted scientific methodology for such and that such methods and results must be transparent as to said methodology or controls for deviance from results given for all citizens to access.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lancaster has expressed the intent upon closing the major transportation hub known as the Lancaster Metrolink Station,

WHEREAS, that the City Council of the City of Lancaster expressed intent has been based upon conjecture taken from a clearly unscientific survey without any transparency as to its methodology, controls, or results therein, and that said information has been unreasonably withheld from the citizens of the City of Lancaster.

WHEREAS, that ridership statistics for the Lancaster Metrolink Station show that there are 71,000 people, including Veterans, elderly, the poor, and disabled, utilizing said form of transportation and that the cessation of access to such transportation represents an extreme hardship upon those who can least afford such.

WHEREAS, that the majority of city residents must travel to the southern portions of the County of Los Angeles for employment and that the majority of those resident commuters utilize the 14 freeway, making the need for more transportation options to that area be available, not less.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Club of the High Desert:

- 1) Hereby condemns the reckless actions of the City Council of the City of Lancaster towards the closing of the Lancaster Metrolink Station, and
- 2) Hereby demands that the City Council of the City of Lancaster cease and desist from any and all current actions to close the Lancaster Metrolink Station, and
- 3) Hereby demands that the City Council of the City of Lancaster only utilize research, studies, and/or surveys for public policy and planning that must be able to be held to generally accepted scientific methodology for such and that such methods and results must be transparent as to said methodology or controls for deviance from results given for all citizens to access, and
- 4) Hereby demands that the City Council of the City of Lancaster seek fair and humane solutions to ensure the transportation access for all residents of the City of Lancaster, including veterans, disabled, and the poor, and
- 5) Hereby demands that the City Council of the City of Lancaster cease and desist from engaging in the vitriolic finger pointing and work with Supervisor Antonovich, Los Angeles County, local non-profits and the City of Palmdale to find common sense, humane solutions for our homeless population, and
- 6) Hereby demands that the City Council of the City of Lancaster help to build a citizen coalition which have a majority membership of stakeholders in the transportation issue to help guide public policy discussions regarding the Lancaster Metrolink Station and other transportation issues affecting the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Club of the High Desert send copies of this resolution to the members of the City Council and Mayor of the City of Lancaster for inclusion into any and all records pertaining to this issue.