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1 RESOLUTION NO. C-28387

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH VOICING OPPOSITION TO THE
5 OPERATION OF LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLES
6 (LCV's) WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LONG
7 BEACH

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9 WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council, the local community and the
10 Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), are working together to develop a solution
11 for improving traffic congestion on the I-710 Freeway corridor; and

12 WHEREAS, on behalf of the health and welfare of the people of Long Beach,
13 the City Council will soon be adopting a list of recommendations culled from a number of
14 public meetings that are designed to protect the safety of motorists, as well as incorporate
15 a number of air quality and truck efficiency improvements; and

16 WHEREAS, the I-710 is key to connecting the Long Beach Port to the rest
17 of the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a resolution (SJR7) supporting
19 the status quo on truck size and weight; and

20 WHEREAS, nearly 5,000 deaths and 100,000 injuries occurred as a result
21 of large truck crashes in the year 2000; and

22 WHEREAS, some states outside of California allow Longer Combination
23 Vehicles (LCV's) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor trailers; and

24 WHEREAS, the operation of LCV's on state highways and freeways are
25 opposed by the Peace Officers Research Association of California, the California Police
26 Chief's Association, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the City of Ontario
27 Fire Department, City of Riverside Chief of Police, Congress of California Seniors, and
28 others; and

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1 WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation found that LCV's are at
2 least 11% more likely to be involved in a fatal accident; are more likely to experience
3 dangerous rollover and braking problems, and are more likely to cause a greater amount
4 of damage to the nation's roads, highways, freeways, and bridges.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. The Long Beach City Council hereby opposes Longer Combination
8 Vehicles within the City of Long Beach as a condition of approval for the I-710 project.
9 Further, this resolution shall be submitted to the Council of Governments (COG) and the
10 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for their consideration, and this
11 resolution shall be added to the City's state and federal legislative agenda.

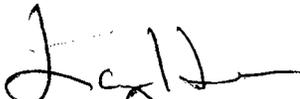
12 Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the
13 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
15 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 15, 2004, by the
16 following vote:

17 Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna, Kell,
18 Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Lerch.

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21 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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23 Absent: Councilmembers: Carroll, Webb.

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28 City Clerk