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RESOLUTION FOR BINDING ARBITRATION
OF M.T.A. STRIKE

(Passed on 11/3/03)

WHEREAS, since the Mechanics Union struck the Metropolitan Transit System on October 14, 2003 over 400,000 M.T.A. bus riders (many of whom can't drive due to age, health or lack of fund) have been deprived of needed transportation, drivers are facing substantially increased traffic congestion, and businesses are suffering losses.

WHEREAS, there has been no indication of any early end to the strike, except pursuant to the offer of the Mechanics Union to return to work if there is binding arbitration but the M.T.A. rejected such arbitration, and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times on November 1, 2003 reported that:
"Tom Webb, a consultant and labor negotiator who represented the M.T.A. in its contract talks with the Mechanics Union in 2000, said that arbitration is a relatively common way of solving labor disputes on the East Coast. Transit agencies in Boston, Washington, and Atlanta are among the agencies that have used arbitration in recent years, he said."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley urge that the M.T.A. reconsider its position and agree to binding arbitration of the labor dispute with the Mechanics Union, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Chairman Yaroslavsky and members of the MTA Board.