

OCHOA/RICHARDS Motion
Proposing a No Smoking Ordinance
at Bus Stops in Los Angeles County

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2012 the San Fernando Valley Service Council approved a motion requesting that the Metro Board of Directors consider the revision of section 6-05-110.A of the Customer Code of Conduct to include the prohibition of smoking within twenty feet of a signed Metro bus stop, including any passenger amenities (i.e., benches and shelters); and

WHEREAS, reviews of that motion by Metro's Ethics Department and County Counsel have raised questions about the legality and enforceability by Metro of such an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, ordinances exist in the cities of Glendale, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Pasadena, and Compton which either prohibit smoking at public transit stops or include public transit stops within the scope of more broadly worded anti-smoking ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the original motion received broad community support, including the American Lung Association, the Coalition for a Tobacco Free L.A. County, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, and the Los Angeles County Tobacco Control and Prevention Program;

THEREFORE, the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Council requests that the Metro Board of Directors consider drafting an ordinance prohibiting smoking within twenty feet of a signed public transit stop or station, including any passenger amenities (i.e., benches and shelters); and forwarding same to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for enactment as a countywide ordinance.