



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**MEETING DATE:** July 1, 2008

**PREPARED BY:** Dick Singer, Asst. to City Manager

**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-5

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**TITLE:** Resolution No. 2008-39 urging adequate funding for California schools.

**BACKGROUND:** The Monrovia Unified School District is facing unprecedented budget cuts as a result of less-than-adequate funding coming from the State of California. Resolution No. 2008-39 calls on the State Legislature, the Governor and the Federal Government to support California's children and their schools by *allocating adequate funding, providing flexibilities* for school districts during the State budget crisis, adjusting class size reduction program requirements and fully funding special education.

**ANALYSIS:** Given the severe cuts to local education that will be necessary if adequate funding is not restored – the closing of at least one Monrovia school and the laying-off of nearly four dozen Monrovia teachers among them – the impact on the community at large requires a community response.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact to the City in adopting the resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2008-39 urging adequate funding for California schools.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:** If the City Council concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-39.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-39**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA URGING ADEQUATE FUNDING  
FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA DOES** hereby resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has failed to provide adequate funding for schools in its proposed 2008-09 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, California already ranks 46<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia and, with the cuts imposed by the Governor's May Revise Budget, will sink in rankings to the bottom of the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, unless drastic action is taken at the State level, public schools across California, including those in Monrovia, face the prospect of losing the programs, personnel and services which sustain our steady progress in student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monrovia Unified School District has been forced to identify drastic budget cuts for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years because of the reductions in State funding; and

**WHEREAS** the budget cuts for MUSD would force the closure of a school, increased class sizes K-12 and loss of vital programs and staff; and

**WHEREAS** our children deserve better.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Governor and Legislative bodies of the State of California and our Federal Government be urged to support California's children and their schools by allocating adequate school funding through full funding of Proposition 98 without imposition of a deficit, providing flexibilities for Districts during the State Budget Crisis by reducing district undesignated reserve requirements and postponing the text adoption system, adjusting class size reduction program requirements and fully funding special education.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 1st day of July, 2008 by the following vote:

**AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
EXCUSED:**

**BY:**

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Rob Hammond, Mayor  
City of Monrovia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Linda B. Proctor, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Monrovia

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Craig A. Steele, City Attorney  
City of Monrovia

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) §  
CITY OF MONROVIA             )**

I, LINDA B. PROCTOR, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Monrovia, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2008-39 relating to adequate funding for California schools was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 1st day of July, 2008 by the following vote:

**AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
EXCUSED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Linda B. Proctor, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Monrovia