



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDATITLE: Authorize the Mayor, on Behalf of the City Council, to Send a Letter in Support of H.R. 4812, the "Local Jobs for America Act"

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2010

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, to send a letter in support of H.R. 4812, the "Local Jobs for America Act."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The League of California Cities is asking cities to contact their congressional representatives in support of **H.R. 4812** (Miller, D-7), the "Local Jobs for America Act."

The legislation is the first major federal jobs proposal to provide cities and towns, not just states, fiscal assistance to save and create jobs in their local communities. The National League of Cities ("NLC") and city officials helped develop the bill which would put Americans back to work by restoring services in local communities, in both public and private sector jobs.

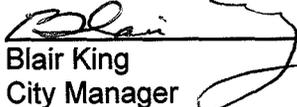
Through a funding formula based on the Community Development Block Grant program, the bill would direct \$75 billion to cities, towns and counties to save municipal jobs and prevent layoffs. Of the \$75 billion, \$52.5 billion would go directly to communities with at least 50,000 residents, and \$22.5 billion would go directly to states to distribute to communities with fewer than 50,000 residents.

H.R. 4812 also includes \$23 billion to help states support an estimated 250,000 education jobs; \$1.18 billion to put 5,500 law enforcement officers on the beat; and \$500 million to hire and retain fire fighters and \$500 million for approximately 50,000 additional on-the-job training slots to help private business expand employment.

The League of California Cities has taken a support position and sent a letter reflecting that position to the relevant members of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable at this time as the final bill has yet to pass.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.


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APPROVED: 
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May 5, 2010

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SUBJECT: H.R. 4812 – The Local Jobs for America Act

Dear Representative McNerney:

On behalf of the City of Lodi, I write to express our strong support for H.R. 4812, the Local Jobs for America Act, and urge you to sign on as a co-sponsor of this important legislation.

The Local Jobs for America Act is an efficient response that provides just the kind of help our cities need now. The bill would direct \$75 billion to local communities hardest hit by the recession to save jobs and hire vital staff and \$500 million for approximately 50,000 on-the-job private sector training positions. In addition, the bill includes nearly \$25 billion to support education, firefighting and law enforcement jobs.

The stark reality is that economic conditions continue to worsen for local governments across the country with many local governments experiencing or projecting record budget shortfalls and being forced to institute layoffs, furloughs, service reductions, and fee increases.

The Local Jobs for America Act is an important short-term step towards goals we know you share: keeping police officers, firefighters, and teachers on the job, restoring critical services that have been cut, and creating new jobs that meet local needs. It also importantly recognizes that, in addition to the actions local leaders are taking to steer their communities through the recession, local governments need help, and that public sector employees contribute valuable services that are indispensable to our economy and our recovery.

Thank you again for what you do to help cities and towns in our state. The City of Lodi urges you to support and co-sponsor the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4218.

Sincerely,

Phil Katzakian
Mayor

C: Dan Carrigg, Legislative Director, League of California Cities