

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Adopt RESOLUTION affirming and formalizing City policy regarding payment of prevailing wages.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** affirming and formalizing City policy regarding payment of prevailing wages on public works projects using only local or private funds.

Funding:

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

At the City Council meeting of January 24, 2012, Mayor Scotto requested that staff bring back a resolution for City Council adoption to affirm and formalize existing City policy regarding the payment of prevailing wages on public works projects using only local or private funds.

Prevailing wages refer to government contracting requirements established by individual State Departments of Labor and the federal government to set hourly wage levels for majority of workers, laborers, and technical employees. The prevailing wages themselves are established by regulatory agencies for each trade and occupation employed in the performance of public work.

According to the City Attorney and based on existing law, prevailing wages must be paid on public works projects where federal or state funds are used, but Torrance, as a charter city, is not required to pay prevailing wages where only City or private funds are used. Furthermore, since the early 1990s, the City has not required payment of prevailing wages on public works projects where only local or private funds are used. With the adoption of the attached resolution, the City Council will affirm and formalize this existing policy stating that the City Manager is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to ensure the continuance of this existing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By 
Aram Chaparyan
Assistant to the City Manager

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION 2012-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFFIRMING AND FORMALIZING CITY POLICY REGARDING PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS USING ONLY LOCAL OR PRIVATE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the state of existing law is that prevailing wages must be paid on public works projects where federal or state funds are used, but Torrance, as a charter city, is not required to pay prevailing wages where only City or private funds are used; and

WHEREAS, since the early 1990s, the City has not required payment of prevailing wages on public works projects where only local or private funds are used; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to affirm and formalize this existing policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE affirms the above-described policy that prevailing wages not be required to be paid on public works projects on which only local or private funds are used; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the City Manager is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to ensure the continuance of this existing policy.

Introduced, approved and adopted this day of February, 2012.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

