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Adopting Resolution for Local Leadership at the Los Angeles Times

Earlier this week, Tribune Publishing Co. (Tribune) abruptly announced that it was replacing its locally-based publisher at the *Los Angeles Times* (LAT), and that it had assigned the publisher of its Boston-based publications as his replacement.

While no particular justification was provided by Tribune for this drastic change, it was reported that it stemmed from a fundamental disagreement in priorities and methods.

The appointment of a publisher transferred from outside of the Los Angeles area, and the continued practice of having key decisions made by a body located approximately 1,750 miles and two time zones away, is clearly not in the best interest of operating, growing and nurturing a local newspaper. Undoubtedly, these are business decisions based upon what is best for Tribune, and may not take fully into consideration the factors and nuances associated with a publication such as the LAT. Moreover, such a newspaper cannot achieve financial success without being ideally grounded in and committed to the communities it serves.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Adopt the attached resolution which urges Tribune Publishing Co. to restore local, established and invested leadership at the Los Angeles Times, and/or consider the sale of the LAT to local, established, and invested leaders.

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