

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305609

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE FEB 26 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE “LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010.”

WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation and transit advocates recently filed a proposed constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 (Initiative No. 09-0063), for potential placement on California’s November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, this ballot initiative is intended to close loopholes and change the constitution to further prevent state politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit; and

WHEREAS, the proponents contend that these local government funds are critical to provide the police and fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that residents rely upon every day, and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improve local streets and roads, to make road safety improvements, relieve traffic congestion, and provide mass transit; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this year’s borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment and transit funds, as well as previous, ongoing raids of local government and transportation funds

have lead to severe consequences in some cities, such as layoffs of police, fire and paramedic first responders, fire station closures, stalled economic development, healthcare cutbacks, delays in road safety improvements, public transit fare increases and cutbacks in public transit services; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the City of San Diego supports the passage of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 (Initiative No. 90-0063), a proposed constitutional amendment, for potential placement on the November, 2010 statewide election ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no public funds shall be used in the campaign for or against the above-described measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council strongly urges the state legislature and Governor to suspend the enactment of any new mandates on local governments until such time as the economy has recovered and urges the state to provide complete funding for all existing and any new mandates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council strongly urges the state legislature and Governor to resolve the state budget problem and enact long term reforms to address the ongoing structural deficits that have plagued the state the last three fiscal years without borrowing or taking funds needed by local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Governor, our state senator(s), our state assembly member(s) and the League of California Cities.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
Catherine M. Bradley
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of FEB 16 2010.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2-26-10
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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