

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 306225

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 26 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 25, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A STATE BUDGET, ON THE NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, Proposition 25, a state initiative measure that would amend the California Constitution to change the legislative vote required to pass a state budget from two-thirds to a simple majority, will be submitted to San Diego voters on the November 2010 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment would also provide that, if the Legislature fails to pass a budget bill by June 15 of a given year, all members of the Legislature would permanently forfeit any reimbursement for salary and expenses for every day until the day the Legislature passes a budget bill; and

WHEREAS, supporters of the measure argue that the new vote threshold would break legislative gridlock, and that 47 other states allow the vote of a simple majority of the Legislature to be sufficient to pass a state budget; and

WHEREAS, opponents of the measure argue that this constitutional amendment would allow tax increases to be passed by a simple majority vote as well; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Relations Department of the City of San Diego had recommended opposition to the constitutional measure, stating it did so because of a potential for increased raids on local government funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Committee on Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations voted to support Proposition 25 at its meeting of September 22,

2010, stating that it would increase the chance of timely state budgets and that passage of Proposition 22, also on the state ballot, would ameliorate City staff's concerns; and

WHEREAS, no public funds shall be used in the campaign for or against the measure;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council supports Proposition 25, a statewide ballot measure that would lower the threshold to pass the state budget from two-thirds to a simple majority, which will be submitted to San Diego voters on the November 2010 ballot.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By Sharon B. Spivak
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Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Rules Committee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of OCT 18 2010.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Elizabeth S. Maland
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10-26-10
(date)

Jerry Sanders
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor