

RESOLUTION NO. 16134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY OPPOSING INITIATIVE 21-00421A1 "THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT"

WHEREAS, California's cities, counties and special districts follow strict guidelines and existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter approval of all local taxes; and

WHEREAS, an association representing California's wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the measure includes undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, including local infrastructure and our environment; and

WHEREAS, the measure may make it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the measure puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to local services at risk and could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Redwood City hereby opposes the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act - Initiative 21-0042A1 – sponsored by the California Business Roundtable on the grounds that this measure would harm the ability of local communities to adequately fund services.

2. The City Manager is hereby directed to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at BallotMeasures@calcities.org.

3. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting
thereof held on the 8th day of May 2023 by the following votes:

AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken,
Espinoza-Garnica and Mayor Gee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this
10th day of May 2023.



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City