

RESOLUTION 2023-027

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO OPPOSING THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (STATE-WIDE INITIATIVE NO. AG# 21-0042A1) QUALIFIED FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 STATE-WIDE BALLOT

WHEREAS, a state-wide special interest group/association representing California's wealthiest corporations, California Business Roundtable, is behind a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2024 state-wide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the initiative 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, our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the initiative 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 initiative makes 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 initiative could potentially place \$1.5 billion currently dedicated to state and local services at risk, and could force cuts to public schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, drinking water, new schools, sanitation, and utilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo opposes *The Taxpayer and Government Accountability Act, or AG# 21-0042A1*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Pablo will join the NO on State-wide Initiative 21-0042A1 Coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, labor, local government, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption, and shall be emailed to League of California Cities (Cal-Cities) at BallotMeasures@calcities.org.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings.

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ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Pabon-Alvarado, Cruz, Ponce and Pineda
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Xavier
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:	APPROVED:
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/s/ Dorothy Gantt
Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

/s/ Abel Pineda
Abel Pineda, Mayor