

1 [Opposing Proposed California Ballot Measure - Expanding Requirement for Supermajority
2 Approval to Enact New Revenue Measures]

3 **Resolution opposing the proposed California state ballot measure expanding the**
4 **requirement for supermajority approval to enact new revenue measures.**

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

9 WHEREAS, The Secretary of State has received a proposed ballot measure to amend
10 the State Constitution to require a two-thirds vote of the electorate for all local taxes, including
11 general taxes that currently require a majority vote; require a two-thirds vote of the Board of
12 Supervisors for the City to place any new or increased tax on the ballot; expand the definition
13 of a tax requiring a two-thirds vote; limit the elections in which any new tax proposed by the
14 City may be adopted by the voters; require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors to
15 impose any fee; and limit the amount of fees to the actual costs of a service, license, or
16 permit, rather than the reasonable costs, as currently required; and

17 WHEREAS, The proposed constitutional amendment would severely harm the ability of
18 local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to
19 raising local revenue to address community needs, services, and infrastructure improvements;
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21 WHEREAS, It is important for local community members, in concert with their duly-
22 elected officials, to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities;
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WHEREAS, The impact of the proposed ballot measure would be to reduce general funds to support police, fire, parks, planning, and other community services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares its opposition to the proposed California state ballot measure expanding the requirement for supermajority approval to enact new revenue measures on the grounds that this measure would harm the ability of local communities to adequately fund services; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of this resolution to the League of California Cities.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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June 12, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

File No. 180625

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/12/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Reggy Nevin
for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mark E. Farrell
Mayor

6/22/18

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo

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Clerk of the Board

6/22/18

Date