[Opposing California State Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018, Ballot]

Resolution opposing California State Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018, ballot, the Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative, which would repeal the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 and require voter approval to impose, increase, or extend any future fuel tax or vehicle fee.

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 is an initiated constitutional amendment on the November 6, 2018, ballot that would repeal the California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 and require voter approval for the California State Legislature to impose, increase, or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees in the future; and

WHEREAS, The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, also known as Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), increased the gas tax by $0.12 per gallon, increased the diesel fuel tax by $0.20 per gallon, and increased the sales tax on diesel fuels by an additional 4 percentage points, which increases are expected to generate an estimated $52.4 billion over the next ten years dedicated to transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2018, an overwhelming 80% of California voters approved Proposition 69, which requires that revenue from the diesel sales tax and Transportation Improvement Fee enacted by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 be used for transportation-related purposes across the state; and

WHEREAS, Increasing a tax in California currently requires a two-thirds vote of each state legislative chamber and the governor's signature – already a substantial threshold – and Proposition 6 would create the additional prospective burden of requiring voter approval prior to any fuel tax or vehicle fee increase, imperiling the State Legislature’s ability to respond to existing and future transportation infrastructure needs; and
WHEREAS, By stripping millions of dollars in funding from local and regional transportation planning grants and local streets maintenance, Proposition 6 would result in the cancellation or delay of critical infrastructure projects aimed at improving the safety and efficiency of California's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, At the July 24, 2018, meeting of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, the Board reviewed, discussed and ultimately unanimously opposed Proposition 6; and

WHEREAS, By declaring its opposition to Proposition 6, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority joined California Governor Jerry Brown, the California Chamber of Commerce and a broad base of business, labor, local government and transportation advocates across the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby opposes Proposition 6, which would strip billions of dollars in funding from transportation infrastructure while hamstringing the California State Legislature to impose, increase, or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees in the future; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby directed to communicate this position to all relevant parties.
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September 04, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/4/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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 her 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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