

RESOLUTION NO. 22-017 C.S.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

**OPPOSING THE
“TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”
(INITIATIVE 21-0042A1)**

WHEREAS, the California Business Roundtable filed the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (AG# 21-0042A1) to be considered for the November 2020 ballot, which would decimate vital local and state revenue-generating methods;

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3 (“CEQA Guidelines), Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability;

WHEREAS, the measure creates barriers for cities to maintain and generate revenue to provide services to communities, including local infrastructure, protecting our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources;

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;

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities’ Board of Directors voted unanimously to oppose the initiative. Following the Board’s unanimous decision, a coalition of public safety, labor, local government and infrastructure advocates have joined together to fight against this potential measure;

WHEREAS, according to Michael Coleman, a local government finance expert and advisor to the League of California Cities, should Initiative 21-0042A1 be placed on the ballot and passed by voters, billions of local government fee and charge revenues placed at heightened legal peril. Related public service reductions across virtually every aspect of city, county, special district, and school services especially for transportation, and public facility use;

WHEREAS, hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenues from dozens of tax and bond measures approved by voters between January 1, 2022 and November 9, 2022 subject to additional voter approval if not in compliance with the initiative;

WHEREAS, this initiative would not affect City of Monterey’s potential future renewal of the Measure S and Measure G sales tax, and Measure Y hotel tax, since these taxes have had sunset dates. However, the initiative would directly affect the City of Monterey if the City Council decides to place a Cannabis Tax on the ballot in November 2022. In addition, this is a statewide policy that disadvantages the ability of cities to generate revenue to provide core services;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that it hereby opposes Initiative 21-0042A1, deceptively called the “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act,” and;

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 1st day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	4	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Albert, Smith, Williamson, Roberson
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Haffa
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None


APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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 Mayor of said City

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 City Clerk thereof