

Sample Resolution to Oppose Initiative #1935

WHEREAS, counties deliver core public services including health care, homeless services, foster care, emergency response, fire protection, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, counties rely on limited sources of revenue to support those services, which have been restricted by passage of voter-approved constitutional amendments and state laws over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #1935, referred to as the “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act,” would severely restrict the ability of local governments to obtain the revenue needed to deliver core public services and local priorities; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #1935 would likely subject county governments to expensive litigation and restrict the ability of local governments to defend themselves; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #1935 would restrict the ability of counties to seek the opinions of their voters by eliminating the ability for local governments to place advisory measures on the same ballot as general tax provisions; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #1935 would prohibit county charter amendments that provide for any revenue from being submitted to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #1935 would impose new standards retroactively on existing laws and measures, endangering upwards of \$300 million in revenue already approved by county voters and upwards of \$2 billion total for local governments; and

WHEREAS, Initiative #1935 would specifically endanger county measure X [name], which would raise [amount] annually to [purpose]; and

WHEREAS, by making the changes described above, Initiative #1935 would impair essential government functions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of [NAME] hereby opposes Initiative #1935, known as the “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act,”; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of [NAME] can be listed as a member of the No on Initiative #1935 coalition, a diverse coalition of local governments, public safety organizations, business, labor, and other organizations throughout the state.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day ____ of ____, 2024.