

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 24-378**

Resolution in Support of California Property  
Tax Apportionment Reform.

**WHEREAS** the County of Monterey receives 15% of its local property taxes, one of the lowest rates in the State of California, yet has a large number of its residents living in the unincorporated area and dependent on county services; and

**WHEREAS** the result of this funding imbalance has led to failing infrastructure including: the average Pavement Condition Index of county roads being a 46 out of 100 (poor) and the deferred maintenance on county roads, bridges and road appurtenances totaling \$1.5 billion; the deferred maintenance on county facilities totaling \$100 million; and deferred maintenance at county parks totaling \$15 million; and

**WHEREAS** the County of Monterey must directly compete for employees with better funded counties that receive a higher share of their local property taxes, leading to critical staff vacancies; and

**WHEREAS** the County of Monterey, like all counties, is required to be the local safety net, yet because of our low share of property taxes and our high rate of need to provide general services, rural, disadvantaged, and low-income residents inevitably suffer even more; and

**WHEREAS** the property tax distribution formula was established after the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978. Among other things, Proposition 13 limits the rate of taxation to 1% of the assessed value and restricts annual increases of the assessed value not to exceed 2% per year. Local property taxes were impacted because through Proposition 13 the state froze the allocation of these taxes among local jurisdictions, so a local governments' share of property taxes before 1978 largely determined what they received after Proposition 13; and

**WHEREAS** the County of Monterey has no intention or interest in overturning, changing, or in any way impacting Proposition 13; and

**WHEREAS** this apportionment formula is not the fault of local residents or local governments but was created by the California State Legislature and can only be modified by the California State Legislature or a statewide ballot initiative; and

**WHEREAS** the County of Monterey may pursue additional sales tax measures but the potential revenues from these would still be insufficient to address 45 years of deferred maintenance and still far below what would be available if Monterey County residents could simply keep a higher percentage of what they *already pay* in property taxes;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors finds that the current property tax apportionment law of the State of California is inadequate and

unsustainable for the County of Monterey; requests that the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) update their AB 8 analysis from February 3, 2000, and directs County staff to work with Santa Cruz County on legislative advocacy efforts related to this issue.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs the Legislative Program Manager to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of California and the County's representatives in the California State Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

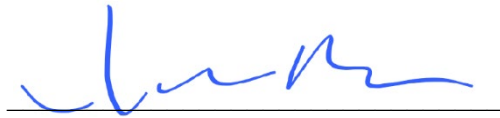
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting January 23, 2024.

Dated: October 18, 2024

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Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California



Vicente Ramirez, Deputy