

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 23 -

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INITIATIVE 21-0042A1 ON THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, ENTITLED THE “TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT” AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE BALLOT MEASURE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hayward adopted a formal legislative program informing interested parties of the City’s stances on legislation, statewide referenda, grant funding opportunities, and local ballot measures; and

WHEREAS, the City’s legislative program is based on the principles of enhancing revenue sources and maintaining home rule authority by opposing legislation, referenda, and unfunded mandates that would have an adverse effect on the City’s fiscal stability or that would undermine or circumvent the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, the California Secretary of State announced that Initiative 21-0042A1, also known as the “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act” had qualified for the November 2024 General Election Ballot with 1,075,585 valid signatures; and

WHEREAS, the ballot measure includes provisions that significantly curtail the ability of local governments and voters to enact, expand, or extend general and special taxes; and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures providing direction on how voters want tax revenues to be used; and

WHEREAS, the measure redefines many existing local fees and charges as taxes subject to these increased requirements; and

WHEREAS, the measure would require state and local governments to bear the burden of proving a fee or charge is not a tax and therefore exempt from increased requirements; and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities has requested that the City of Hayward join the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 by providing it with a letter opposing the measure,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hayward City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign letters opposing Initiative 21-0042A1, also known as the “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act”; and

ATTACHMENT II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hayward City Council hereby direct City staff to transmit copies of this resolution along with letters to the League of California Cities and other relevant officials.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2023

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward