

RESOLUTION NO. 04-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
SUPPORTING THE STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE—PROPOSITION 1A—ON
THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, state government currently seizes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property tax funds statewide from cities, counties and special districts, costing local governments more than \$40 billion in lost revenues over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, public health and emergency medical care, roads, parks, libraries, transportation and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, these funding raids also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and taxes to maintain basic local service levels; and

WHEREAS, this drain of local resources has continued even during periods when the state's budget has been overflowing with surpluses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is a historic measure that will appear on the November 2004 statewide ballot that would limit the State's ability to take and use local government funding; and

WHEREAS, by protecting local government funding, Prop 1A would protect local public safety, healthcare and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure for local fee and tax increases by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A does not reduce funding for schools or any other state program or service, and Prop 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility in the event of a state budget emergency; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders, local government officials, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Paso Robles that we hereby express strong support for Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that will prevent the state from further taking local government revenues; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that we will send a copy of this resolution to “Yes on 1A - Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety” (Fax 916-442-3510 or 1121 L Street #803, Sacramento, CA 95814).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 7th day of September 2004 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk



THE FACTS ABOUT PROPOSITION 1A

www.YesonProp1A.com

THE PROBLEM

LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES ARE THREATENED

For more than a dozen years, the state legislature has been taking local tax dollars that local governments use to provide vital services like fire protection, paramedic response, law enforcement, healthcare, parks and libraries. The State has taken more than \$40 billion from cities, counties and special districts in the last 12 years. ***If these raids continue, it could mean fewer firefighters, fewer law enforcement officers and longer waits at emergency rooms -- or higher local taxes and fees.***

THE SOLUTION = PROPOSITION 1A

HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO PROTECT LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND VITAL LOCAL SERVICES

Prop 1A is a historic bipartisan agreement between Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, local governments, legislators, public safety officials, healthcare advocates, taxpayers and community leaders. **Prop 1A prevents the State Legislature from taking and using local government funds.** Prop 1A would keep more of our local tax dollars local and would protect funding for vital local services like fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, healthcare, parks, libraries, and transportation.

What Proposition 1A Does:

- ✓ Restricts the State Legislature's ability to raid local government funding, including local government share of *existing* sales taxes, property taxes and VLF revenues.
- ✓ Protects funding for local services like fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, emergency and trauma care, parks, roads, libraries, transportation and more.
- ✓ Requires the State to provide funding for any program or service the State forces local governments to provide. If the State fails to provide funding, Legislature must repeal these state-mandates.
- ✓ Provides flexibility in a state budget emergency. Prop 1A allows the State to *borrow* local government revenues if funds are needed in fiscal emergency to support schools or other state programs.

What Proposition 1A DOES NOT Do:

- Does not raise taxes. Prop 1A helps ensure local governments don't have to raise taxes or fees in the future to make up for revenues raided by the State Legislature.
- Does not reduce funding for schools or any other state programs or services.
- Does not increase funding to local governments.
- Does not prevent the state from borrowing local funds in times of fiscal emergency, or shut the door to future reforms of the state-local fiscal relationship.

Proposition 1A Replaces Need for Prop 65.

A coalition of local government officials placed Proposition 65 on the ballot earlier this year to stop the State from taking local government funding. HOWEVER, that was before passage of the historic bipartisan agreement that put Prop 1A on the ballot. Prop 1A is a better, more flexible approach to protecting local services and local tax dollars. That's why ALL the official proponents of Prop 65 are now supporting Proposition 1A and opposing Proposition 65.