

RESOLUTION NO. 1277

RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSITION NO. 23.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, State of California, finds that the Senate Reapportionment Initiative Constitutional Amendment will appear on the November 6, 1962, ballot as Proposition No. 23, and

WHEREAS, said City Council finds that Proposition No. 23 would totally destroy California's existing method of equitable legislative apportionment, which is based on our traditional Federal system with its protective mechanism of checks and balances, and would substitute therefor a system whereby representation in both houses of the Legislature would be based on population, and

WHEREAS, said City Council finds further that it is a widely-recognized principle in our great nation that representation in the legislative branch of government is equitably apportioned not according to population alone, but according to two factors, to wit: population and territory and

WHEREAS, it is a proven matter of record that our State Senate as presently constituted has been keenly responsive to urban problems and the needs of cities, and that many of California's ablest members of the State Senate are from less heavily-populated cities and rural areas, and

WHEREAS, there is imminent danger that under Proposition No. 23 control of our State Government would be placed in the hands of political organizations in a few heavily-populated counties, and

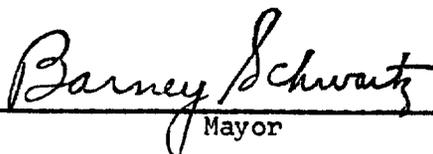
WHEREAS, there is no apparent justification for a change in the method of apportionment of State Senate districts, particularly in view of the fact that under our existing system of legislative apportionment this State has reached a measure of greatness unmatched by any of our sister states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, State of California, does hereby officially go on record as

being unconditionally opposed to said Proposition No. 23, the  
State Senate Reapportionment Initiative Constitutional Amendment  
that will be submitted to the voters of the State on November 6, 1962.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 1962, by  
the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Councilmen Blake, Galba, Poe, D. Schwartz and B. Schwartz.
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk