

RESOLUTION NO. 90-195
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
SUPPORTING THE REPEAL OF SB 2557
AND THE PROTECTION OF CITIES FROM THE
STATE BUDGET PROCESS

WHEREAS, after the longest budget stalemate in California's history, the Governor and California Legislature finally enacted a 1990/91 budget package that shifts state and county costs to cities, and diverts city revenues to finance state/county responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, counties are an administrative arm of the state with responsibilities for carrying out state programs, while cities are in a different business of providing local municipal services which are determined locally and have no responsibility or authority for administering state or county programs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and California Legislature have shifted state and county financial responsibilities to cities; and

WHEREAS, all 457 cities in California balanced their budgets only to find their budgets were subsequently thrown out of balance by cost shifts and revenue losses designed to balance the budget of the state; and

WHEREAS, the actions in the State budget package were enacted by passage of SB 2557, which (1) directed counties to charge cities, school districts and special districts for the county function of administering the property tax; (2) authorized counties to charge cities for booking prisoners arrested by city employees; and (3) allowed counties to retain property tax revenues that should otherwise go to 90 "No and Low Tax Cities"; and

WHEREAS, these shifts of city revenues to counties were specifically enacted to replace cuts in state revenue for counties that should have funded state responsibilities carried out by counties; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and California Legislature have avoided their financial responsibilities by enacting measures that are poor public policy, which rob from one local government to finance another, and result in no real solution to the continuing financial problems facing all levels of government in California; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Paso Robles support the repeal of SB 2557 and the protection of

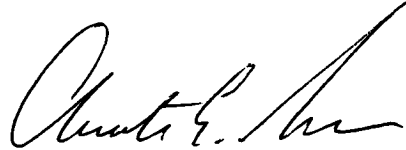
cities from the state budget process; and support alternatives that will provide adequate long-term funding for cities and counties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the city of Paso Robles, this 6th day of November, 1990, on the following vote:

AYES: Russell, Reneau, Martin, Picanco & Iversen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Christian E. Iversen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jerry Bankston, City Clerk