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[Proposition 23 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006]

Resolution opposing Proposition 23, an initiative constitutional amendment suspending the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, until California's unemployment rate drops to 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters.

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations; and

WHEREAS, An increase in global average temperatures has had a discernible influence on many physical and biological systems worldwide and adaptation is necessary to address the impacts resulting from warming; and

WHEREAS, In response to the looming global impacts from climate change, Assembly Bill 32, the historic California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, was enacted directing the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to require the reporting, verification, and reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Following the passage of Assembly Bill 32 in 2006, California cleantech companies have attracted hundreds of millions of dollars in venture capital investment making those companies an indispensable part of California's economy, a key source of job creation, and have set California apart as a global leader in cleantech innovation; and

WHEREAS, Since 2005, California green jobs have grown ten times faster than the statewide average; and

WHEREAS, According to a new report from the California Employment Development Department, 500,000 employees work in clean technology or green jobs in California; and

WHEREAS, California's Clean technology sector received \$2.1 billion in investment capital in 2009, which is more than five times the investment in California's nearest competitor, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 on the November 2, 2010 ballot would suspend the operation and implementation of Assembly Bill 32 until such a time as the unemployment rate in California is 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive calendar quarters; and

WHEREAS, The non-partisan State Legislative Analyst has found that "since 1970, the state has had three periods (each about ten quarters long) when the unemployment rate was at or below 5.5 percent for four consecutive quarters or more"; and

WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in California for the first two quarters of 2010 was above 12 percent and current five-year economic forecasts estimate the state's unemployment rate will remain above 8 percent and, therefore, Proposition 23 would likely suspend AB 32 for many years; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23, by suspending Assembly Bill 32, would allow harmful greenhouse gas emissions to continue unabated, leading to increased global temperatures, reduction in snowpack, extreme weather events, wildfires, and dangerous air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 would lead to greater use of fossil fuels resulting in increased risk of environmentally harmful accidents like the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, increased fossil fuel extraction from protected lands, and a reduction in renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, By reducing the demand for clean energy businesses, Proposition 23 would undermine California's leadership in the clean energy and cleantech industry development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 has been funded by oil companies that are among the nations' biggest polluters in order to preserve their energy market share and to eliminate competition from clean energy companies; and

WHEREAS, California is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of rising global temperatures and has a critical interest in reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, California has taken a leading role in its effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the passage of Proposition 23 would set a dangerous precedent to similar efforts nationwide and globally; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco opposes Proposition 23 on the November 2, 2010 ballot; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Office of the City and County of San Francisco shall send a copy of this resolution to the Bay Area Council; the Environmental Defense Fund; the Natural Resources Defense Council; the California League of Conservation Voters; the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; Environment California; the Nature Conservancy; Green For All; and Global Green.

Office of the Mayor City & County of San Francisco



Gavin Newsom

TO:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Mayor Gavin Newsom 😭

RE:

Opposing Proposition 23, an Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Suspending AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of

2006

DATE:

September 21, 2010

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Dear Madame Clerk:

Attached for introduction to the Board of Supervisors is the resolution opposing Proposition 23, an initiative constitutional amendment suspending the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 until California's unemployment rate drops to 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters.

Please note that item is co-sponsored by Supervisors Ross Mirkaimi, David Chiu, Michela Alioto-Pier, Bevan Dufty, Eric Mar, Carmen Chu, Sean Elsbernd, Sophie Maxwell, and John Avalos.

I request that this item be calendared without committee reference at the next full Board meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact Starr Terrell (415) 554-5262.