

1 [Opposing California State Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018, Ballot]

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3 **Resolution opposing California State Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018, ballot, the**
4 **Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative, which**
5 **would repeal the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 and require voter**
6 **approval to impose, increase, or extend any future fuel tax or vehicle fee.**

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8 WHEREAS, Proposition 6 is an initiated constitutional amendment on the November 6,
9 2018, ballot that would repeal the California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 and
10 require voter approval for the California State Legislature to impose, increase, or extend fuel
11 taxes or vehicle fees in the future; and

12 WHEREAS, The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, also known as Senate
13 Bill 1 (SB 1), increased the gas tax by \$0.12 per gallon, increased the diesel fuel tax by \$0.20
14 per gallon, and increased the sales tax on diesel fuels by an additional 4 percentage points,
15 which increases are expected to generate an estimated \$52.4 billion over the next ten years
16 dedicated to transportation infrastructure; and

17 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2018, an overwhelming 80% of California voters approved
18 Proposition 69, which requires that revenue from the diesel sales tax and Transportation
19 Improvement Fee enacted by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 be used for
20 transportation-related purposes across the state; and

21 WHEREAS, Increasing a tax in California currently requires a two-thirds vote of each
22 state legislative chamber and the governor's signature – already a substantial threshold – and
23 Proposition 6 would create the additional prospective burden of requiring voter approval prior
24 to any fuel tax or vehicle fee increase, imperiling the State Legislature's ability to respond to
25 existing and future transportation infrastructure needs; and

1 WHEREAS, By stripping millions of dollars in funding from local and regional
2 transportation planning grants and local streets maintenance, Proposition 6 would result in the
3 cancellation or delay of critical infrastructure projects aimed at improving the safety and
4 efficiency of California’s transportation system; and

5 WHEREAS, At the July 24, 2018, meeting of the San Francisco County Transportation
6 Authority Board of Directors, the Board reviewed, discussed and ultimately unanimously
7 opposed Proposition 6; and

8 WHEREAS, By declaring its opposition to Proposition 6, the San Francisco County
9 Transportation Authority joined California Governor Jerry Brown, the California Chamber of
10 Commerce and a broad base of business, labor, local government and transportation
11 advocates across the State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby opposes Proposition 6,
13 which would strip billions of dollars in funding from transportation infrastructure while
14 hamstringing the California State Legislature to impose, increase, or extend fuel taxes or
15 vehicle fees in the future; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of the City and County of San
17 Francisco is hereby directed to communicate this position to all relevant parties.

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