

1 [Opposing Proposed California Ballot Measure - Expanding Requirement for Supermajority  
2 Approval to Enact New Revenue Measures]

3 **Resolution opposing the proposed California state ballot measure expanding the**  
4 **requirement for supermajority approval to enact new revenue measures.**

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6 WHEREAS, California’s cities, counties, and special districts follow strict guidelines and  
7 existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter  
8 approval of all local taxes; and

9 WHEREAS, The Secretary of State has received a proposed ballot measure to amend  
10 the State Constitution to require a two-thirds vote of the electorate for all local taxes, including  
11 general taxes that currently require a majority vote; require a two-thirds vote of the Board of  
12 Supervisors for the City to place any new or increased tax on the ballot; expand the definition  
13 of a tax requiring a two-thirds vote; limit the elections in which any new tax proposed by the  
14 City may be adopted by the voters; require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors to  
15 impose any fee; and limit the amount of fees to the actual costs of a service, license, or  
16 permit, rather than the reasonable costs, as currently required; and

17 WHEREAS, The proposed constitutional amendment would severely harm the ability of  
18 local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to  
19 raising local revenue to address community needs, services, and infrastructure improvements;  
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21 WHEREAS, It is important for local community members, in concert with their duly-  
22 elected officials, to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities;  
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1           WHEREAS, The impact of the proposed ballot measure would be to reduce general  
2 funds to support police, fire, parks, planning, and other community services; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares its opposition to  
5 the proposed California state ballot measure expanding the requirement for supermajority  
6 approval to enact new revenue measures on the grounds that this measure would harm the  
7 ability of local communities to adequately fund services; and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
9 the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of this resolution to the League of California Cities.

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