

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2018-176

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA OPPOSING PROPOSITION 6: ELIMINATES CERTAIN ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. REQUIRES CERTAIN FUEL TAXES AND VEHICLE FEES BE APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe and 89% of counties have roads that are in 'poor' or 'at-risk' condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016, with poor road conditions as a major factor in vehicle collisions and accidents; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would eliminate more than \$52 billion over the next 10 years in existing transportation funding, including the \$15 billion in direct apportionments, and \$11 billion in available competitive grant funding, to cities and counties statewide; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would stop funding for more than 6,500 transportation improvement projects currently underway or planned throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would jeopardize public safety by eliminating thousands of projects to fix unsafe bridges and overpasses, repair crumbling and unsafe roads, and enhance pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would eliminate \$5 million annually dedicated to the City of Santa Rosa, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community, investments that will be used for rehabilitating failing pavement and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian travel and maintaining service levels and supporting the City's bus replacement program, expanding the number of electric buses in the fleet, and helping to fill funding gaps that have resulted from reductions in other state funding for transit services; and

WHEREAS, voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 69 in June thereby ensuring transportation funds can only be used for transportation purposes and the State and local governments are accountable to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would eliminate transportation revenues that are accountable to taxpayers, can't be diverted or borrowed, and that voters overwhelmingly dedicated to fixing our roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby opposes Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports and the City of Santa Rosa can be listed as a member of the No on Proposition 6 coalition, a diverse coalition of local governments, public safety organizations, business, labor, environmental leaders, transportation advocates and other organizations throughout the state.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 2nd day of October, 2018.

AYES: (6) Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Combs, Olivares, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Tibbetts

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney