

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-085

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA OPPOSING INITIATIVE 21-0042A1, THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

WHEREAS, an association representing a number of California’s wealthiest corporations is advocating for a proposition aimed for the November 2024 statewide ballot, Initiative 21-0042A1; and

WHEREAS, the measure includes undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, including local infrastructure and our environment; and

WHEREAS, the measure may make it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the measure puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to local services at risk and could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa declares its opposition to Initiative 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 23rd day of May, 2023.

AYES: (5) Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Okrepkie, Stapp

NOES:

ABSENT: (2) Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Member C. Rogers

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney