

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4762

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE #21-0042A1, WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERMINE LOCAL CONTROL AND DISRUPT THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, an association representing California's wealthiest corporations is spending tens of millions of dollars to promote a deceptive ballot measure currently eligible for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, which could force residents and taxpayers to pay more to maintain services; and

WHEREAS, the measure threatens billions of dollars every year in local government funding for services like fire and emergency response, law enforcement, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more; and

WHEREAS, if passed, this measure will likely detrimentally impact nearly all City of Murrieta services, including but not limited to law enforcement; fire; recreation; library; streets, parks, and community maintenance; capital infrastructure construction projects; and general operations; and

WHEREAS, the measure is an attack on voters' rights, containing undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures to fund services, provisions that retroactively cancel measures recently passed by voters, and provisions that prevent voters from passing advisory measures that provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure contains intentionally restrictive language that will encourage hundreds of frivolous lawsuits against cities and local governments – costing taxpayers many millions and stopping investments in vital local services; and

WHEREAS, the measure would 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 is opposed by hundreds of local governments, teachers, firefighters, working families and local elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. That the City of Murrieta opposes Initiative #21-0042A1;

Section 2. That the City of Murrieta will join the “Stop the Taxpayer Deception Act” coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, education, labor, local government, and infrastructure groups throughout the state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18 day of June, 2024.

Lori Stone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tiffany Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)§
CITY OF MURRIETA)

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 24-4762 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 18 day of June, 2024, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk