



RESOLUTION No. 03-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE OPPOSING THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Mayors are committed to following strict guidelines and existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter approval of all local taxes; and

WHEREAS, we are aware of a signature-gathering campaign for a state ballot measure currently sponsored by the California Business Roundtable, referred to as the "Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018," that would severely harm the ability of local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to raising local revenue to address community needs, services and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local community members, in concert with their duly-elected officials, rather than a special interest group in Sacramento, to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities; and

WHEREAS, while the proposed initiative professes fairness and transparency, its main purpose is to allow businesses to escape from their existing obligations to pay the full cost of services that they require and receive from local agencies and to shift the burden of the uncovered costs from business interests to local general funds supported by taxpayers, and thereby reduce general funds available to support police, fire, park, planning, and other community services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE, DOES RESOLVE, AND DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1: A pledge to continue the support of fair and reasonable fees and existing law regarding their establishment.

SECTION 2: That we oppose the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 sponsored by the California Business Roundtable on the grounds that the measure would harm the ability of local communities to adequately fund services.

SECTION 3: That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California cities at cityletter@cacities.org and to post on the Alameda Mayors' Conference Website.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on June 13, 2018 by the following member city vote:

AYES: Spencer, McQuaid, Bauters, Mei, Halliday, Marchand, Nagy, Schaaf, McBain, Olson, Cutter

NOES:

ABSENT: Arreguin, Haubert, Dutra-Vernaci

ABSTENTION:

I, Steven Bocian, Executive Director of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Alameda County Mayors' at its meeting held on the 13 day of June 2018.

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Executive Director, Alameda County Mayors' Conference