



City of Hermosa Beach

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Bismarck Obando
Director of Public Affairs, League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Taxpayer Protection & Government Accountability Act Initiative 21-0042A1 – OPPOSITION

Dear Mr. Obando:

On behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to express our opposition to the Taxpayer Protection & Government Accountability Act Initiative 21-0042A1. At its March 22, 2022 meeting, the Hermosa Beach City Council adopted a resolution opposing the developer-sponsored proposition aimed for the November 2024 statewide ballot that would significantly jeopardize cities' ability to provide essential services and infrastructure for our residents.

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 create barriers for cities to maintain and generate the necessary revenue to provide essential services to communities, including local infrastructure, protecting our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources. It would also restrict the authority of state and local governments to issue fines and penalties for corporations and property owners that violate state and local laws.

Unless defeated, 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, and more.

For these reasons, the City of Hermosa Beach Opposes the Taxpayer Protection & Government Accountability Act Initiative 21-0042A1. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our City Manager, Suja Lowenthal at suja@hermosabeach.gov.

Sincerely,

Ray Jackson, Mayor
City of Hermosa Beach

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