

RESOLUTION NO. 22-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

WHEREAS, in 2018, Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act (“Initiative No. 17-0050”), was being circulated to qualify for the November 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 17-0050 would have drastically limited local revenue authority; and

WHEREAS, the proponents of the Initiative No. 17-0050 withdrew the initiative from the ballot in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2022, the California Business Roundtable, an association representing California’s wealthiest corporations, filed the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (“Initiative 21-0042A1”), a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2022 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 21-0042A1 is even more harmful to local governments than Initiative No. 17-0050 would have been, as it would limit voters’ input, restrict local tax and fee authority to provide local services, and restrict the authority of state and local governments to issue fines and penalties for corporations and property owners that violate state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 21-0042A1 creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, including local infrastructure, environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 21-0042A1 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, Initiative 21-0042A1 makes 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 communities; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 21-0042A1 puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services at risk, and could force cuts to public schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 21-0042A1 would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, drinking water, new schools, sanitation, and utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Carson opposes Initiative 21-0042A1.

SECTION 2. The City of Carson will join the NO on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, labor, local government, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall email a copy of this Resolution to the League of California Cities at ballotmeasures@calcities.org.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2022.

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Khaleah Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 22-029, was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Carson, at its meeting held on March 1, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, City Clerk