

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California Business Roundtable filed the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" to increase requirements for taxes and certain charges, which is eligible to appear on the November 2024 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the measure would amend the State Constitution to stipulate that every levy, charge, or exaction of any kind imposed by state or local law is either a tax or an exempt charge; and

WHEREAS, the definition of a tax would be amended to include certain charges that state and local governments currently classify as fees; and

WHEREAS, the measure would require that any proposed tax increase receive the approval of two-thirds of each house of the Legislature in addition to a vote of the statewide electorate and establish that new local voter-proposed taxes be enacted via a two-thirds vote of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, any tax measures passed after January 1, 2022 but prior to the effective date of this Act would be nullified, unless reenacted within 12 months in compliance with the Act, at an additional cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, this Act would nullify Measure ULA, known as the United to House LA measure, approved by the City's voters in November 2022 and expected to generate up to \$1.1 billion for affordable housing and programs to address the homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, a report by the California Legislative Analyst Office finds that this measure could result in decreased revenue for state and local governments; and

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WHEREAS, local governments currently face challenges raising revenue, and the proposed changes would make it more difficult to generate revenue to fund community programs, infrastructure, and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has taken a position to oppose the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program and should affirm its opposition in the current legislative year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," which would amend the State Constitution to impose restrictions on the ways in which state and local governments can levy taxes, fees, and other charges.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:







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