

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

WHEREAS, California has one of the highest tax burdens of any state in the United States and continued increases in taxes and fees are adding to the state's sky-high cost of living, and

WHEREAS, California has the nation's highest state income and sales taxes, second highest gasoline taxes as well as rising property and utility taxes, and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature has proposed billions in new taxes this year alone while local officials have enacted \$8.8 billion in annual general and special taxes from 2010 to 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act gives voters the right to vote on all state and local taxes, and

WHEREAS, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act requires state legislation imposing any new or higher taxes to be approved by a majority of voters in a statewide election, and

WHEREAS, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act closes tax loopholes at the local level, and

WHEREAS, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act will reinstate the two-thirds approval requirement for any new or higher "special taxes" proposed by initiative in a local election, while still maintaining the current majority vote requirement for general tax increases, and

WHEREAS, With the cost-of-living skyrocketing, the City Council affirms its support for voters to have their voices heard on issues regarding taxation and for giving voters greater oversight in response to continued spending and corresponding tax increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of { }, that the City Council formally expresses support for the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act and the benefit that it provides to taxpayers and to the state's overall economy.