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RESOLUTION NO. _____
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO
ALTO SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1A - PROTECTION
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES

WHEREAS, state government currently seizes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property funds statewide from cities, counties and special districts, costing local governments more than \$40 billion in lost revenues over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the State's ongoing shifts and raids of local property tax funds and of other funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local services including fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, public health and emergency medical care, roads, parks, libraries, transportation and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, these funding raids add pressure for local governments to increase fees and taxes to obtain funds necessary to maintain basic local service levels; and

WHEREAS, the State has continued this drain of local resources during periods when the state budget has been overflowing with surpluses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is a measure to limit the State's ability to take and use local government funding that will appear on the November 2004 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A would preserve local public safety, healthcare and other essential local services by protecting local government funding from state interference; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure to increase local fees and taxes by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A does not reduce funding for schools or any other state program or service, and Proposition 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility in the event of a state budget emergency; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is the result of a bipartisan agreement developed and supported by a diverse coalition, including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican

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leaders, local government officials, public safety representatives and healthcare, business, labor and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palo Alto does RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. The City hereby expresses its strong support for Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that will prevent the state from taking additional local government revenues.

SECTION 2. The City Council and staff are authorized to provide impartial informational materials on the initiative as may be lawfully provided by the City's representatives. No public funds shall be used to campaign for or against the initiative.

SECTION 3. The residents of the City of Palo Alto are encouraged to become well informed on the initiative and its possible impacts on the critical local services on which they rely.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Yes on 1A - Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety, Fax (916) 442-3510 or 1121 L Street, #803, Sacramento, CA 95814.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney

Director of Administrative Services