

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-812

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT OPPOSING STATE BALLOT MEASURE 21-0042A1 RESTRICTING VOTERS' INPUT AND LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS**, the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" or Measure 21-0042A1, if passed by voters in the November 2024 election, would amend the State Constitution to change the rules for how state and local governments can impose taxes, fees, and other charges;

**WHEREAS**, the measure would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent. It also invalidates the state supreme court decision of *California Cannabis Coalition v. City of Upland* (2017) 3 Cal. 5<sup>th</sup> 924 that allows a majority of local voters to pass special taxes;

**WHEREAS**, the measure sets a new standard for fees and charges paid for the use of local and state government property. The standard may significantly restrict the amount corporations pay for the use of local public property;

**WHEREAS**, the measure requires voter approval of fines, penalties, and levies for corporations and property owners that violate state and local laws unless a new, undefined adjudicatory process is used to impose the fines and penalties;

**WHEREAS**, the measure restricts a local tax authority to provide local services and requires voter approval to expand existing taxes (e.g., utility user tax, use tax, transient occupancy tax) to new territory (e.g., annexation) or expand the base (e.g., new utility service). It prohibits any surcharge on property tax rate and allocation of property tax to state, and new taxes can be imposed only for a specific time period;

**WHEREAS**, this measure would restrict the authority of the state, Goleta West Sanitary District ("District"), and other local agencies to impose revenue measures. If enacted by voters, this proposed initiative could substantially lower annual state and local revenues, thereby reducing funding and necessitating cuts for critical infrastructure like sanitation, utilities, streets and roads, public transportation, ports, drinking water, and more; and,

**WHEREAS**, the measure exposes taxpayers to new costly litigation, limits the discretion and flexibility of locally elected boards to respond to the needs of their communities, and injects uncertainty into the financing and sustainability of critical infrastructure.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER:**

1. The District opposes the "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" or Measure 21-0042A1.
2. The District 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.
3. Staff is directed to transmit a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at [advocacy@cdda.net](mailto:advocacy@cdda.net).

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Goleta West Sanitary District held on September 6, 2022.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-812 was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, by the following vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSTENTIONS:**  
**ABSENT:**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
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Brian McCarthy, District Secretary

APPROVED

  
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Larry Meyer, President