**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 21-0042A1**

**WHEREAS**, an association representing California’s wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2022 statewide ballot; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed proposition, Initiative 21-0042A1, has received the official title: “LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.”

**WHEREAS**, the measure includes 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**, the measure exposes taxpayers to a new wave of 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure severely restricts state and local officials’ ability to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods against corporations and others who violate the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that would allow corporations to pay less than their fair share for the impacts they impose on our communities, including local infrastructure, our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure threatens billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services, and could force cuts Water, Sewage, Sanitation, Transportation and other services within Santa Barbara County, as well as public schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to address homelessness, mental health services, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, ports, drinking water, sanitation, utilities, and more.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association** opposes Initiative 21-0042A1;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that **the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association** 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.

We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at advocacy@csda.net.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Ayes

Nays

Abstains

Absent

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HUGH RAFFERTY, President

ATTEST:

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CYNTHIA ALLEN, Secretary