



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Voter Initiative No. 21-0042A1 (Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act)

MEETING DATE: Feb. 17, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☒ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The City Council is being asked to adopt resolution opposing voter initiative which is deceptively called the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

As you are aware our ability for local control in governance of the City is eroded each year. While many of these assaults on local control come from State government, this one is created and backed by major corporations.

The measure would have far-reaching and yet undefined impacts to how local government, including the City of Clearlake functions. Future infrastructure funding measures such as Measure V could be imperiled and even fees such as nuisance abatement charges, franchise fees, document processing fees, and facility use fees would be subject to new standards and threat of legal action. Some fees and tax changes would now require voter approval. For example, if the City was to annex additional land, Measure P and Measure V would be added to the ballot again in order to approve collection in the new territory. Additionally, even though the state now requires we analyze new development for vehicle miles traveled (VMT), we would not be allowed to charge development fees as a condition that regulates VMT.

There are several attachments with additional facts and information about the anticipated impacts to local governments if this initiative passes.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 2022-09 Opposing Voter Initiative No 21-004A1
2. Provide Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments: While the requested action will have no direct fiscal impact, if the voter initiative passes, there could be dramatic impacts to local control and revenue in the future.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- ☒ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- ☒ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- ☒ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- ☐ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- ☒ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- ☐ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- ☐ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

- ☒ **Attachments:**
 - 1. Resolution 2022-09
 - 2. Fact Sheet
 - 3. Fiscal Analysis
 - 4. Legal Analysis