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April 2, 2024

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No 1601-2024 Opposing Initiative 21-0042A1 "The Taxpayer Deception Act AKA "The Taxpayer Protection and Accountability Act"

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve Resolution No. 1601-2024

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Council received a briefing on this statewide initiative that will appear on the November 2024 ballot. The Council unanimously directed staff to draft the attached resolution of opposition for tonight's meeting

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1601-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL**  
**OPPOSING INITIATIVE #21-0042A1**  
**“THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”**  
**ALSO KNOWN AS “THE TAXPAYER DECEPTION ACT”**

**WHEREAS**, an association representing California’s wealthiest corporations is spending tens of millions of dollars to promote a deceptive ballot measure currently eligible for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure creates constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, which could force residents and taxpayers to pay more to maintain services; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure threatens billions of dollars every year in local government funding for services like fire and emergency response, law enforcement, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure threatens to invalidate Measure ‘O’ a locally passed sales tax in November of 2022 that generates \$300,000 annually and represents 20 percent of all General Fund Revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, this measure’s threat to local sales tax represents a direct threat to police and road services which have been the historical beneficiary of these funds producing increased police staffing and a Pavement Condition Index that has increased 24 percent since 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure is an attack on voters’ rights, containing undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures to fund services, provisions that retroactively cancel measures recently passed by voters, and provisions that prevent voters from passing advisory measures that provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure contains intentionally restrictive language that will encourage hundreds of frivolous lawsuits against cities and local governments – costing taxpayers many millions and stopping investments in vital local services; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure would make it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure is opposed by hundreds of local governments, teachers, firefighters, working families and local elected officials.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Rio Dell opposes Initiative #21-0042A1;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Rio Dell will join the “Taxpayer Deception Act” coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, education, labor, local government, and infrastructure groups throughout the state.

We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at [BallotMeasures@calcities.org](mailto:BallotMeasures@calcities.org).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell, California, on April 2, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Debra Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

I, Karen Dunham, City Clerk for the City of Rio Dell, State of California, hereby certify the above to be a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1601-2024 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on April 2, 2024.

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Karen Dunham, City Clerk