

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITON 1A
PROTECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, state government currently seizes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property tax 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 County of San Mateo has lost more than \$818 million over the past 12 years, and an additional \$100 million in the 2004-05 fiscal year

WHEREAS, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local 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 also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and local taxes to maintain basic service levels; and

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

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

WHEREAS, by protecting local government funding, Prop 1A would protect local public safety, healthcare and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure for local fee and tax increases by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

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

WHEREAS, Prop 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders, local government officials, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors hereby express strong support for Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that will prevent the state from further taking local government revenues; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board will send a copy of this resolution to Yes on 1A - Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety.

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