

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 9
(HUFFMAN),
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BONDS: SPECIAL TAXES: VOTER APPROVAL**

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

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes cities, counties, and special districts to impose a general tax for general governmental purposes with the approval of a majority of the voters and to impose a special tax for specified purposes with the approval of two-thirds of the voters; and

WHEREAS, current law authorizes school districts, community college districts, or county offices of education to incur school bonded indebtedness with the approval of 55 percent of the voters voting in favor of the measure, requires that bond proceeds only be used for purposes specified in the Constitution, and requires an audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specified projects list; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Constitutional Amendment 9 (Huffman) would make changes to the voting requirements contained in the California Constitution for special taxes and bonded indebtedness for local governments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would allow for a city or county to incur indebtedness in the form of general obligation (GO) bonds to be adopted by 55 percent

of the voters of the city or county where GO bonds fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public improvements, and the acquisition or lease of real property for the public improvements, facilities or buildings, and housing; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects would include: public improvements to transportation infrastructure; streets, highways, sewer systems, water systems, wastewater systems; park and recreation facilities, facilities or buildings used exclusively to provide sheriff, police or fire protection services to the public, and development of housing affordable to lower and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require local government to conduct annual, independent performance and financial audits and a public outreach process that solicits a wide range of public comments from the community about the type of facilities that should be funded with the bond; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Constitutional Amendment would revise requirements in Article XIII of the California Constitution to allow an agency to assess a special tax approved by the voters of the city or county or special district.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors by the adoption of this resolution hereby supports Assembly Constitutional Amendment 9 (Huffman) regarding local government bonds: special taxes: voter approval.

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