

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 is an initiative sponsored by the American Beverage Association, the trade association of soda companies, and the California Business Roundtable, an organization that represents some of the largest interest groups in California; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would eliminate the current authority of cities and counties to enact a tax for general purposes with approval from a majority of voters and it would require a 2/3rd vote of City Councils or Board of Supervisors to enact many fees, making it harder for communities to maintain adequate levels of services such as police, fire, libraries, and parks; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would drastically limit future local revenue authority, and even more egregious is that it applies retroactively and may void local measures approved by local voters on or after January 1, 2018; and

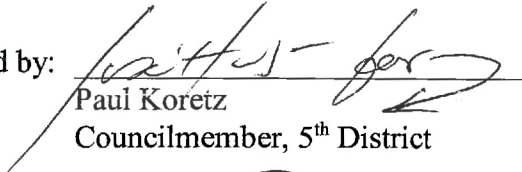
WHEREAS, this initiative will shift even more of the tax and fee burden onto the average taxpayer and small businesses by making it harder for local communities to make sure big corporations pay their fair share; and

WHEREAS, this will make it harder for local citizens and communities to hold individuals and businesses responsible for costs and fees related to items like pollution, rising health care costs, fire hazards, use of emergency services, and destruction of public property; and

WHEREAS, if this measure passes, community issues such as public safety, traffic congestion, and the funding of basic services will be harder to remedy because this initiative allows a small minority to block increased revenue for these priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018.

Presented by:


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