

Agenda Item

DATE: March 22, 2022

TO: Templeton Community Services District Board of Directors

FROM: Keri Dodson, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution 05-2022 - Opposition to Initiative 21-0042A1

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of Directors, by motion, adopt Resolution 05-2022, joining the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: Initiative 21-0042A1, “The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act” qualifies for the November 2022 ballot and, if enacted, is anticipated to severely impact services provided by special districts and the communities they serve. This initiative includes provisions that would retroactively void all state and local taxes or fees adopted after January 1, 2022 if they do not align with the provisions of this initiative. Additionally, this measure would severely restrict the ability of state and local officials to protect the environment, public health and safety, and communities against corporations and others who violate the law.

Templeton CSD would be joining The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), and other local government leaders, in opposing Initiative 21-0042A1 by way of Resolution 05-2022.

The following link provides additional information on the initiative, as well as factors that support the recommendation for opposition: [Action Alert: Oppose Initiative to Limit Ability of Voters and State and Local Governments to Raise Revenues for Government Services \(csda.net\)](https://www.csda.net/action-alert-oppose-initiative-to-limit-ability-of-voters-and-state-and-local-governments-to-raise-revenues-for-government-services).

RESOLUTION 05-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEMPELTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 21-0042A1

WHEREAS, an association representing California’s wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2022 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed proposition, Initiative 21-0042A1, has received the official title: “LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.”

WHEREAS, the measure includes provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure exposes taxpayers to a new wave of costly litigation, limits the discretion and flexibility of locally elected boards to respond to the needs of their communities, and injects uncertainty into the financing and sustainability of critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the measure severely restricts state and local officials’ ability to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods against corporations and others who violate the law; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that would allow corporations to pay less than their fair share for the impacts they impose on our communities, including local infrastructure, our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the measure threatens billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services, and could force cuts to water, sewer, fire, parks and recreation, refuse, lighting and drainage services provided by the Templeton Community Services District as well as public schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to address homelessness, mental health services, and more; and

WHEREAS, the measure would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, ports, drinking water, sanitation, utilities, and more.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Templeton Community Services District opposes Initiative 21-0042A1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Templeton Community Services District will join the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, labor, local government, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at advocacy@cdda.net.

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, and on the following roll call vote to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this 5th day of April 2022.

Debra Logan, President
Templeton Community Services District

Attest:

Board Secretary