

RESOLUTION NO. C-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION
1A

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 loss revenues over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other funding dedicated to local government 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 services; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach has lost approximately \$15 million annually since 1992 to these; and

WHEREAS, these funding raids also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and taxes to maintain basic local 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, Proposition 1A would protect local public safety, healthcare and other essential local services; and

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

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1 funding; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition
6 including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders,
7 local government officials, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor
8 and community leaders; and

9 WHEREAS, Long Beach elected officials and staff were instrumental in
10 the development and language of Proposition 1A;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
12 as follows:

13 Section 1. That the City of Long Beach supports Proposition 1A.

14 Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adop-
15 tion by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

16 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
17 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2004, by
18 the following vote:

19 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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23 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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25 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk