

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29

OPPOSING INITIATIVE 21-0042A1, LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the California Business Roundtable has proposed a proposition, Initiative 21-0042A1, titled: "LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT"; and

WHEREAS, the initiative 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 agencies to new 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 restricts the ability of local governments to issue fines and penalties to corporations and property owners that violate local environmental, water quality, public health, public safety, fair housing, nuisance and other laws and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the measure threatens billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services, and could force cuts to water districts 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 Board of Directors of the Mid-Peninsula Water District opposes Initiative 21-0042A1.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2023 by the following
vote:

AYES: Jordan, Schmidt, Wheeler, Zucca, Vella

NOES: None

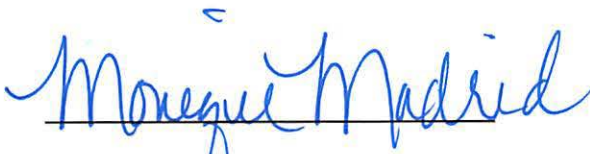
ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: None



Board President

ATTEST:



Board Secretary