

Resolution No. 24-10
of the
San Mateo County Harbor District
to
Resolution to Oppose Initiative 1935
(formerly 21-0042A1)

WHEREAS, an association representing California’s wealthiest corporations is spending millions of dollars to promote a deceptive proposition currently eligible for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed proposition, Initiative 1935 (formerly 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”; and

WHEREAS, the measure would revise the Constitution to allow corporations to more easily sue public agencies, costing residents and taxpayers millions of dollars and disrupting essential services; and

WHEREAS, the measure would retroactively invalidate billions of dollars in local government funding for essential services and infrastructure, including the ability to continue the only immediately available maritime search and rescue and maritime assist capabilities on the San Mateo County Coastline, providing the only Harbor of Safe Refuge on the California Coast between San Francisco and Santa Cruz, supporting safe public access to the coastal and inland maritime environment to include accessible recreational opportunities for the public, maintaining coastal and bay trails, supporting a significant economic engine for the San Mateo County Coast, and more; and

WHEREAS, the measure, if passed, would negatively impact the Harbor District’s ability to maintain the safe infrastructure to support the myriad of services provided by the District. The measure would significantly reduce the District’s ability to raise revenue to maintain the hundreds of boat slips that are used for both commercial and recreational fishing, the ability to properly maintain the docks and ramps which provide access for the public to purchase seafood directly from the fishers, our ability to maintain the only public boat launch facility on the San Mateo County Coast which provides thousands of boaters access to the maritime environment,

WHEREAS, the measure limits voters’ rights, containing undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures to fund services, provisions that retroactively cancel measures recently passed by local voters, and provisions that prevent voters from passing advisory measures that provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

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

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WHEREAS, the measure is opposed by hundreds of local governments, firefighters, harbor patrols, and other first responders, healthcare providers, teachers, working families, and local elected officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Harbor District opposes Initiative 1935 (formerly 21-0042A1);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Harbor District will join the Vote NO on Initiative 1935 (formerly 21-0042A1) coalition, a growing coalition of local government, public safety, labor, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

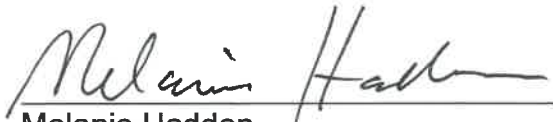
We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at advocacy@csga.net.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day 15 of May, 2024

For: Mattusch, Zemke, Domurat, Chang Kiraly
Against: None
Absent: Slater-Carter
Abstention: None

ATTESTED

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS



Melanie Hadden
Deputy Secretary



Tom Mattusch
President