

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Chairman Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 11, 2010

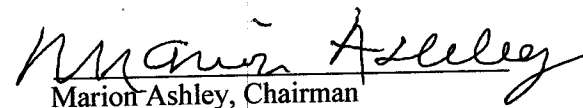
SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No. 2010-171

BACKGROUND:

In an effort to protect local government from state raids of local funds, the counties of San Bernardino and Stanislaus have endorsed the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act, a constitutional amendment which, if passed by the voters, would prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services. It would also stop the State from borrowing or taking gas tax revenues that voters have dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit. The coalition of Public Safety, Cities, Water Agencies, Labor, Housing and Transportation agencies supporting the measure have collected more than 750,000 signatures to place this constitutional amendment on the November 2010 ballot.

I urge the Board to endorse the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.


Marion Ashley, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-171

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF
LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION
PROTECTION ACT OF 2010**

WHEREAS, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds and to dedicate the taxes on gasoline to transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, these local government funds are critical to provide police, fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that residents rely upon and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improvement local streets and roads making road safety improvements to relieve traffic congestion and provide mass transit; and

WHEREAS; despite the fact that voters have repeatedly passed measures to present the State from taking revenues dedicated to funding local government services and transportation improvement projects, the State Legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this year's borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment and transit funds as well as previous, ongoing raids of local government and transportation funds have lead to severe consequences such as layoffs of police, fire and paramedic first responders, fire station closures, stalled economic development, healthcare cutbacks, delays in road safety improvements, public transit fare increases and cutbacks in public transit services; and

WHEREAS, State politicians in Sacramento continue to ignore the will of the voters and current law provides no penalties when state politicians take or borrow these dedicated funds; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation and transit advocates filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

1 **WHEREAS**, approval of this ballot initiative would close loopholes and change the constitution
2 to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing,
3 transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding
4 local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated transportation improvement
5 projects and mass transit:

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Riverside formally endorses the
7 Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010m a proposed
8 constitutional amendment; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we hereby authorize the listing of the County of
10 Riverside in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of
11 2010.

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13 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the following
14 vote: