

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-313

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
TO OPPOSE CA BALLOT 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 2024 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”; and

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 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 severely restricts state and local officials’ ability to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods against those 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, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the measure threatens billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services, and could force cuts to the sewer and groundwater management services MCCSD provides to the 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the MCCSD opposes Initiative 21-0042A1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MCCSD 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.

The Board of Directors directs staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at advocacy@csda.net.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino City Community Services District at the Regular Meeting on March 27, 2023 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Katie Bates, District Secretary

Dennak Murphy, Board President