

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
SANTA BARBARA IN SUPPORT OF
THE PASSAGE OF STATEWIDE
BALLOT PROPOSITION 15**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-178

WHEREAS, for the last four decades, cities and counties in California have experienced underinvestment and cuts to critical services and infrastructure that residents rely on; and

WHEREAS, California's current property tax system allows a fraction of major commercial and industrial properties to avoid regular reassessment; and

WHEREAS, property tax is one of the few discretionary sources of revenue for cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that Prop 15: California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 reclaims between \$7.5 billion and \$12 billion in property tax revenue every year by closing loopholes in California's property tax system; and

WHEREAS, Prop 15: California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 does not affect property taxes for homeowners, renters, farmers, or small businesses because the initiative exempts all residential and agricultural property and exempts all small business owners whose property is worth less than \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, allocation of revenues to cities, counties, and special districts will follow current property tax allocation; and

WHEREAS, an analysis done by Blue Sky Consulting Group estimates the initiative will generate nearly \$51 million in additional revenue for Santa Barbara County jurisdictions, with almost \$29 million of that going directly to the County General Fund; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, in light of the national and state economic crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, California's local communities need additional revenues for their continued provision of services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Barbara supports Proposition 15 on the November 3, 2020 General Election statewide ballot and hereby adopts this resolution on the 15th day of September, 2020.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara at a regular meeting held on this 15th day of September 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Hart and Hartmann

NOES: Supervisors Adam and Lavagnino

ABSTAIN: NONE


ABSENT: NONE



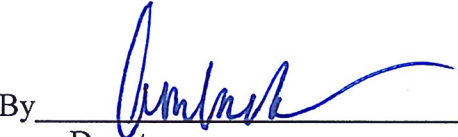
GREGG HART, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 

Deputy

By 

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