

**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. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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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  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy