

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING
INITIATIVE NO. 210042A1, THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

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

WHEREAS, the measure creates constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, which could force residents and taxpayers to pay more to maintain services; and

WHEREAS, the measure threatens billions of dollars every year in local government funding for services like fire and emergency response, law enforcement, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more; and

WHEREAS, the measure is an attack on 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 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 contains intentionally restrictive language that will encourage hundreds of frivolous lawsuits against cities and local governments – costing taxpayers many millions and stopping investments in vital local services; and

WHEREAS, the measure would make it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the measure is opposed by hundreds of local governments, teachers, firefighters, working families, and local elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby opposes Initiative #21-0042A1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fort Bragg will join the “Stop the Taxpayer Deception Act” coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, education, labor, local government, and infrastructure groups throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at BallotMeasures@calcities.org.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13th day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

**ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

**BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**Diana Sanchez
City Clerk**