

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA
OPPOSING THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, California's cities, counties and special districts follow strict guidelines and existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter approval of all local taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is a signature-gathering campaign for a state ballot measure currently sponsored by the California Business Roundtable that would severely harm the ability of local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to raising local revenue to address community needs, services and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local community members, in concert with their duly-elected officials—rather than a special interest group in Sacramento--to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would allow businesses to escape from their existing obligations to pay the full cost of services that they request and receive from local agencies and from which they benefit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would shift the burden of these uncovered costs from business interests to local general funds supported by taxpayers, and thereby reduce general funds available to support police, fire, park, planning, and other community services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that:

SECTION 1. It opposes the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 sponsored by the California Business Roundtable on the grounds that the measure would harm the City's ability to adequately fund services and would impede on its Charter authority; and

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to email a copy of this resolution to the League of California Cities at cityletters@cacities.org

Presented by

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