

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA,
OPPOSING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 15, ENTITLED, “TAX ON COMMERCIAL
AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES FOR EDUCATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FUNDING INITIATIVE (2020)”**

WHEREAS, Proposition 15 would amend the California Constitution to require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition would repeal long-standing Proposition 13 protections for business properties and raise property taxes for commercial and industrial properties by up to \$11.5 billion per year;

WHEREAS, the higher taxes created by Proposition 15 could get passed on to consumers in the form of increased costs on just about everything people buy and use, including groceries, fuel, utilities, day care and health care;

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Proposition 13 has provided certainty to homeowners, farmers and businesses that they will be able to afford their property tax bills in the future;

WHEREAS, Proposition 15 could eliminate the certainty of property taxes for businesses and farmers by repealing current Proposition 13 protections for commercial and industrial property and requiring reassessment at current market value at least every three years;

WHEREAS, Proposition 15’s higher property taxes could translate to soaring rents for the majority of small businesses who do not own the property on which they operate;

WHEREAS, California’s small businesses are already struggling through an unprecedented economic crisis and millions of Californians are out of work;

WHEREAS, Proposition 15 could make our current economic crisis worse by making it more difficult for small businesses to keep their doors open with a disproportionate impact on female and minority-owned businesses;

WHEREAS, Proposition 15’s property tax increases and rent hikes could force out long-time community businesses and accelerate gentrification in our neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, Proposition 15 could hurt California’s farms and ranches by raising property taxes on improvements and fixtures on agricultural land;

WHEREAS, Proposition 15 could be an administrative nightmare for local governments with more than one billion dollars in new administrative costs over the first three years for county assessors alone.

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The City of Chula Vista formally opposes Proposition 15 and supports maintaining current Proposition 13 protections.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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