

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSITION 6, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, California's cities, counties and transportation agencies face a statewide backlog of over \$130 billion in needed funds to make transportation infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, "The Road Repair and Accountability Act" (SB 1 – Beall) passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor last year will raise \$5 billion annually in long-term, dedicated transportation funding to make road safety improvements, fill potholes and repair local streets, highways, bridges and overpasses, with the revenues split equally between state and local government projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 contains strong accountability provisions to streamline projects by cutting bureaucratic redundancies and red tape to ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively, while also establishing the independent office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 69, passed in June 2018, adding additional accountability for taxpayers by preventing the State Legislature from diverting or raiding any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, by repealing SB 1, Proposition 6 would eliminate a projected three hundred thousand dollars annually from the City of Albany capital improvement budget, reducing street rehabilitation funding by twenty-five percent; and

WHEREAS, on March 5th, 2018, the Council of the City of Albany approved that the City of Albany be listed as a member of the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state, in opposition to the repeal of SB1; and

WHEREAS, on March 5th, 2018, the Council of the City of Albany took a position opposing the ballot proposition Attorney General #17-0033 to repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB 1 and make it more difficult to increase funding for state and local transportation improvements in the future; and

WHEREAS, the ballot proposition Attorney General #17-0033 will appear on the November 2018 General Election ballot as Proposition 6; and

WHEREAS, on September 27th, 2018, the Traffic and Safety Commission of the City of Albany recommended that the City Council take a position in opposition to Proposition 6.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albany hereby opposes Proposition 6 on the November 2018 General Election ballot, a constitutional amendment that would repeal the new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise state and local transportation funds in the future.

PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 15th day of October, 2018, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Nason, Pilch and Mayor McQuaid

NOES: None

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

16th day of October, 2018.

Dileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK