



Agenda Item: 9.C

Date of Meeting: April 8, 2024

Department: Administration

## STAFF REPORT

To: City Council  
From: Robin Picken  
Subject: **A Resolution Opposing Initiative #21-0042A1, a November 2024 Statewide Ballot Proposition.**  
Prepared On: March 19, 2024  
Attachments: Resolution - Opposing Initiative #21-0042A1, a November 2024 Statewide Ballot Proposition

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### Background/History:

Initiative #21-0042A1 is a November 2024 statewide ballot proposition. The measure is a significant threat to local control and voters' rights that could jeopardize funding for vital services.

### Analysis/Discussion:

This measure creates new 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.

The measure puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to local services at risk, and could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, services to support parks, and much more.

The measure is also an attack on voters' rights, containing undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures to fund local 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.

Furthermore, the measure contains intentionally vague and restrictive language that will encourage hundreds of frivolous lawsuits against cities and local governments - costing taxpayers millions and blocking investments, development and long-term planning.

### Economic Impacts:

Unknown at this time. However, the passing of this measure has the potential to limit the City's ability to earn revenue in the future which can have a direct economic effect in reducing

the amount of services provided by the City.

Budget Impacts:

Unknown at this time. However, the passing of this measure has the potential to significantly limit the City's ability to earn revenue in the future.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve the proposed resolution opposing Initiative #21-0042A1, a November 2024 statewide ballot proposition.

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