

Resolution to Oppose Proposition 5

WHEREAS, California's 58 counties play a vital role in promoting the quality of life, health and well-being of all Californians; and

WHEREAS, counties provide fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services, administer crucial health and social services programs from foster care and child welfare to behavioral health and homelessness services, and build and maintain critical infrastructure for water and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 5 on the November 2018 ballot puts these vital county services and the communities they serve at risk; and

WHEREAS, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst has estimated that the fiscal impact of Proposition 5 on local government would be "\$100 million in annual property tax revenue in the first few years, growing over time to about \$1 billion per year (in today's dollars)"; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 5 would also drain up to \$1 billion annually from local revenues for schools in California; and

WHEREAS, amidst an unprecedented housing crisis in California, Proposition 5 does nothing to provide solutions to help low-income seniors, people with severe disabilities, young families or others who are struggling to keep up with rising rents; and

WHEREAS, California's constitution already protects seniors and people with severe disabilities, as well as victims of disasters, from paying higher property taxes when they move to a home of equal or lower assessed value compared to their current home; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 5 would drain critical general fund revenues from Contra Costa County, putting at risk crucial services that help create and preserve healthy, safe and economically vibrant communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Contra Costa hereby opposes Proposition 5 on the November 2018 ballot.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this September 11, 2018.