

RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, IN
OPPOSITION OF INITIATIVE 21-0042A1 RESTRICTING VOTERS' INPUT AND
LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, an association representing California's wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the measure includes undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, including local infrastructure and our environment; and

WHEREAS, the measure may make it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the measure puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to local services at risk and could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond, California opposes Initiative 21-0042A1 and join the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, education, labor, local government, and infrastructure groups throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at BallotMeasures@calcities.org.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond, at a regular meeting thereof held on March 7, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, and Vice Mayor McLaughlin.
NOES:	None.
ABSTENTIONS:	None.
ABSENT:	Mayor Martinez.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN

 CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
 (SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
 Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
 City Attorney



State of California }
 County of Contra Costa } : ss.
 City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 23-23**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 31, 2023.

 Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond