

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBSTOPOL OPPOSING THE TAX FAIRNESS,
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, California's cities, counties and special districts follow strict guidelines and existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter approval of all local taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is a signature-gathering campaign for a state ballot measure currently sponsored by the California Business Roundtable that would severely harm the ability of local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to raising local revenue to address community needs, services and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local community members, in concert with their duly- elected officials—rather than a special interest group in Sacramento--to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would allow businesses to escape from their existing obligations to pay the full cost of services that they request and receive from local agencies and benefit from; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would then shift the burden of these uncovered costs from business interests to local general funds supported by taxpayers, and thereby reduce general funds available to support police, fire, park, planning, and other community services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Sebastopol hereby opposes the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 sponsored by the California Business Roundtable on the grounds that this measure would harm the ability of local communities to adequately fund services; and

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at cityletters@cacities.org.


IN COUNCIL DULY APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th of April, 2018.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton and Mayor Slayter
Noes: None
Abstain: Councilmember Carnacchi
Absent: None

APPROVED:  _____
Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST:  _____
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  _____
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney