RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 21-0042A1

WHEREAS, an association representing California's wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2022 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed proposition, Initiative 21-0042A1, has received the official title: "LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT."; and

WHEREAS, the measure includes 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 exposes taxpayers to a new wave of costly litigation, limits the discretion and flexibility of locally elected boards to respond to the needs of their communities, and injects uncertainty into the financing and sustainability of critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the measure severely restricts state and local officials' ability to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods against corporations and others who violate the law; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that would allow corporations to pay less than their fair share for the impacts they impose on our communities, including local infrastructure, our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the measure threatens billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services, and could force cuts to water, wastewater, parks and recreation, streets and lighting, and storm drainage services provided by the Scotia Community Services District, as well as public schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to address homelessness, mental health services, and more provided by other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the measure would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, ports, drinking water, sanitation, utilities, and more.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotia Community Services District opposes Initiative 21-0042A1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Scotia Community Services District will join the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, labor, local government, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

Section 1: The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2: This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day 21st of April, 2022.

APPKOVED:

Paul Newmaker, Board President, Scotia CSD

ATTEST:

Board Clerk, Scotia CSD

for Julie Hawkins

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-5, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Scotia Community Services District Board of Directors, County of Humboldt, State of California, held on the 21st day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Ansted, Pryor, Newmaker, Sellen

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 - Black ABSTENTIONS: 0

Board Clerk, Scotia CSD

for Julie Hawkins