

RESOLUTION NO. 3474-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
OPPOSING PROPOSITION 6 ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe and 89% of counties have roads that are in 'poor' or 'at-risk' condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016, with poor road conditions as a major factor in vehicle collisions and accidents; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would eliminate more than \$52 billion over the next 10 years in existing transportation funding, including the \$15 billion in direct apportionments, and \$11 billion in available competitive grant funding, to cities and counties statewide; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would stop funding for more than 6,500 transportation improvement projects currently underway or planned in every California community; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would jeopardize public safety by eliminating thousands of projects to fix unsafe bridges and overpasses, repair crumbling and unsafe roads, and enhance pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would raid \$457,000 annually dedicated to the Town of Windsor, and hinder critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community; and

WHEREAS, voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 69 in June 2018, thereby ensuring transportation funds can only be used for transportation purposes and the State and local governments are accountable to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would eliminate transportation revenues that are accountable to taxpayers, can't be diverted or borrowed, and that voters overwhelmingly dedicated to fixing our roads; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3 (CEQA

Guidelines), Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor does hereby oppose Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Windsor can be listed as a member of the No on Proposition 6 coalition, a diverse coalition of local governments, public safety organizations, business, labor, environmental leaders, transportation advocates and other organizations throughout the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council directs staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at CityLetters@cacities.org.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, SALMON, VICE MAYOR FOPPOLI AND MAYOR OKREPKE
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBER MILLAN


BRUCE OKREPKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK