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Dear San Jose City Clerk:

Please place the material, below, in the public record, related to today's council agenda item 2.23.

Thanks, cheers, and liberty!

Elizabeth

CC: Mayor & councilmembers

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Elizabeth C. Brierly, Board Member

Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association

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On Feb. 27, 2023, Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association adopted this resolution:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

WHEREAS: California has the largest tax burden of any state, and massive increases in taxes and fees are adding to the state's sky-high cost of living

WHEREAS: California has some of the nation's highest state income, sales and gas taxes as well as rising property and utility taxes,

WHEREAS: The State Legislature has proposed billions in new taxes this year alone while local officials have enacted \$8.8 billion in annual general and special taxes from 2010 to 2020,

WHEREAS: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act gives voters the right to vote on all state and local taxes,

WHEREAS: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act requires state legislation imposing any new or higher taxes to be put before voters in a statewide election, and enacted only if approved by a majority,

WHEREAS: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act closes tax loopholes at the local level,

WHEREAS: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act will reinstate the two-thirds approval requirement for any new or higher "special taxes" proposed by initiative in a local election, while still maintaining the current majority vote requirement for general tax increases,

WHEREAS: Especially with the cost of living skyrocketing, voters deserve to vote on all new taxes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We formally express our support for the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act and the benefit that it provides to taxpayers and to the state's overall economy.

SVTA urges San Jose City Council to join us in endorsing the Nov. 2024 statewide ballot measure and adopting the resolution.

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