

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-____

**RESOLUTION BY THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING
ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 BALLOT A PACKAGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS:**

**PROPOSITION 1A
*"TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT FUND"***

**PROPOSITION 1B
*"HIGHWAY SAFETY, TRAFFIC REDUCTION, AIR QUALITY, PORT SECURITY BOND ACT
OF 2006"***

**PROPOSITION 1C
*"HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER TRUST FUND ACT OF 2006"***

**PROPOSITION 1D
*"EDUCATION FACILITIES: KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES
BOND ACT OF 2006"***

**PROPOSITION 1E
*"DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD PREVENTION BOND ACT OF 2006"***

WHEREAS, lack of investment at the State level in infrastructure in California has resulted in deteriorating roads, bridges, highways and other critical transportation infrastructure; inadequate disaster preparedness, flood prevention, air and water quality; inadequate school facilities; and inadequate housing and emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, this lack of investment in infrastructure, coupled with projected population growth of an estimated additional 25 million residents by the year 2040, has resulted in an agreement between the Governor and the Legislature on a package of bills to place over \$37 billion in bonds on the November ballot for the consideration of the voters of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A would amend the Constitution to limit the ability of the Legislature and the Governor to divert Proposition 42 funds, a sales tax on gasoline dedicated to state and local transportation purposes. The protections would allow Proposition 42 to be suspended only twice in any 10-year period and would require the funds to be repaid, better protecting Marin County revenues of roughly \$900,000 per year for local streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B would authorize the State to sell nearly \$20 billion of general obligation bonds to fund transportation projects to relieve congestion, improve the movement of goods, improve air quality, and enhance the safety and security of the transportation system - including improved seismic safety of bridges and improved anti-terrorism security at shipping ports. For Marin County, increases to the State Transportation Improvement Program would result in approximately \$10 million over 10 years; increases to the Local Streets and Roads allocation would result in \$7 million over 10 years for roads under County purview; and Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancements program increases would yield over \$40 million for Golden Gate Transit and the Marin County Transit District. In addition, several other programs receiving increased funds would be a likely source for major improvements to Highway 101, such as the Marin-Sonoma Narrows; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1C would authorize the state to sell approximately \$2.85 billion of general obligation bonds to fund new and existing housing and development programs - critical in that Proposition 46, a \$2.1 billion affordable housing initiative approved by voters in 2002, is nearly exhausted. Proposition 1C funds may be used for providing shelters for battered women and their children; clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; homeownership assistance for the disabled, military veterans, and working families; and repairs and accessibility improvements to apartments for families and disabled citizens. Assuming awards similar to those generated by Proposition 46, Proposition 1C awards may total as much as \$20 million for Marin County housing programs and projects - generating an estimated 500 additional affordable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D would authorize the state to sell approximately \$10.4 billion of general obligation bonds for K-12 school facilities – to provide needed funding to relieve public school overcrowding and to repair older schools, and to improve earthquake safety and fund vocational educational facilities in public schools – as well as higher education facilities, to repair and upgrade existing public college and university buildings and to build new classrooms to accommodate the growing student enrollment in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1E would authorize the state to sell approximately \$4 billion of general obligation bonds for financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects to rebuild and repair California's most vulnerable flood control structures to protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures, flash floods, and mudslides, and to protect California's drinking water supply system by rebuilding delta levees that are vulnerable to earthquakes and storms. Approximately \$3 billion would be dedicated to flood control systems and levee repair in the Central Valley and Delta regions, and approximately \$1 billion to flood control subventions and stormwater flood management outside the Central Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin, that we hereby express strong support for Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E and urge the voters of the County of Marin to support Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____ day of _____, 2006, by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK