

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OPPOSING
ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 BALLOT:

PROPOSITION 89
"CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY AND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT OF 2006"

WHEREAS, supporters of campaign finance reform in California contend that the increasing sums of money and the influence of "special interests" in statewide campaigns is one of the biggest challenges facing our democratic system; and

WHEREAS, the current campaign finance system burdens candidates with fundraising responsibilities and thus decreases time available to carry out their public responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, as time spent on fundraising has increased, the public's opinion of government and confidence in elected officials has decreased, and voter participation has eroded; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 89, the "California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006," would address these problems by providing substantial and comprehensive reform to mitigate the influence of money and "special interests" in politics with effective public financing of statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 89 would provide: 1) public funding for political candidates, 2) lower contribution amounts for privately funded candidates, 3) contribution restrictions for state ballot measures, and 4) funding from higher corporate taxes via a 0.2% income tax rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin Board of Supervisors is concerned about the increasing role that money plays in elections and believes it is time for a major change in the way we finance election campaigns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin that we hereby express support for Proposition 89, the "California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006," and urge the voters of the County of Marin to support Proposition 89 on the November 7, 2006 statewide ballot.

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

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK