

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OPPOSING PROPOSITION 26
REGARDING CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL FEES REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE

WHEREAS, counties maintain and provide crucial services and infrastructure and the state's economic recovery is dependent up on their financial stability; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin supports protecting local control and funding for vital local services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin has had to enact substantial budgetary reductions in order to ensure a balanced budget, and unwarranted fiscal limitations imposed upon our community will lead to additional hardship and reduced services for our residents; and

WHEREAS, all local taxes, assessments, and property-related fees already are subject to local voter approvals; and

WHEREAS, similar voter approval requirements do not apply to tax increases proposed by the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, local governments have made the necessary cuts and enacted local balanced budgets on time, which has not been the practice of the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 26 seeks to impose additional and unjustified constraints on local governments; and

WHEREAS, by arbitrarily imposing a new definition of "taxes" applicable to local government in the state Constitution, if approved, Proposition 26 will invite additional litigation and destabilize existing funding for local public safety, health, transportation, and environmental protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Marin expresses its opposition to Proposition 26, regarding certain state and local fees requiring a two-thirds vote, on the November 2, 2010, statewide general election ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____th day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK