

RESOLUTION NO. 04- 27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1A: A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE FOR THE
CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

WHEREAS, state government currently seizes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property tax funds statewide from cities, counties and special districts, costing local governments more than \$40 billion in lost revenues over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, public health and emergency medical care, roads, parks, libraries, transportation and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, these funding raids also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and taxes to maintain basic local service levels; and

WHEREAS, this drain of local resources has continued even during periods when the state's budget has been overflowing with surpluses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is a historic measure that will appear on the November 2004 statewide ballot that would limit the State's ability to take and use local government funding; and

WHEREAS, by protecting local government funding, Prop 1A would protect local public safety, healthcare and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure for local fee and tax increases by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A does not reduce funding for schools or any other state program or service, and Prop 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility in the event of a state budget emergency; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders, local government officials, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor and community leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Altos hereby expresses its strong support for Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that will prevent the state from further taking local government revenues; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Clerk will send a copy of this resolution to Yes on 1A - Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety. Fax: 916-442-3510 or 1121 L Street, #803, Sacramento, CA 95814

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this resolution was duly introduced and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Los Altos City Council on the 14th day of September, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COLE, PACKARD, CASAS, MOSS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: LEAR



Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK



John Moss, MAYOR