

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

RESOLUTION No. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE OPPOSING PROPOSITION 43 (ACA 22), THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL SPECIAL TAXES

WHEREAS, Proposition 43, placed on the November 3, 2026 statewide ballot through Assembly Constitutional Amendment 22 (ACA 22), would amend the California Constitution to require local special taxes proposed through the initiative process to receive approval from two-thirds of voters; and

WHEREAS, local governments rely upon voter-approved revenues to provide essential public services and address community priorities, including public safety, transportation and infrastructure, parks and open space, housing and homelessness programs, and other locally determined needs; and

WHEREAS, requiring a two-thirds supermajority for voter-initiated special taxes would make it substantially more difficult for local communities to approve revenues dedicated to specific local purposes, even when such measures receive support from a clear majority of voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 43 would restrict the ability of local voters to determine how best to fund services and programs within their own communities and would reduce the fiscal flexibility of cities, counties, and other local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the measure would also impose a higher approval threshold on citizens exercising their local initiative power and could prevent measures supported by a substantial majority of local voters from taking effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference hereby expresses its opposition to **Proposition 43 (ACA 22)** on the November 3, 2026 statewide ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference supports preserving the ability of local voters and communities to make decisions concerning locally generated revenues and the services and priorities those revenues support.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on September 9, 2026, by the following member city vote:

AYES: Ezzy Ashcraft, McQuaid, Ishii, Hu, Kaur, Salwan, Salinas, Marchand, Hannon, Smegal, Balch, González, and Singh

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lee (Arrived after the vote)

ABSTENTION: None

I, Steven Bocian, Executive Director of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on the 9th day of 2026.

Steven Bocian

Executive Director, Alameda County Mayors' Conference