RESOLUTION R18-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 69 AND OPPOSING SB 1 REPEAL

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network’s condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are facing a funding shortfall of $73 billion over the next 10-years to repair and maintain in a good condition the local streets and roads system and the State Highway System has $57 million worth of deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – will raise approximately $5.4 billion annually in long-term, dedicated transportation funding to rehabilitate and maintain local streets, roads, and highways, make critical, life-saving safety improvements, repair and replace aging bridges and culverts, reduce congestion and increase mobility options including bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the revenues split equally between state and local projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 provides critically-needed funding in Palos Verdes Estates that will be used for Palos Verdes Drive West Resurfacing

WHEREAS, SB 1 contains strong accountability and transparency provisions to ensure the public knows how their tax dollars are being invested and the corresponding benefits to their community including annual project lists that identify planned investments and annual expenditure reports that detail multi-year and completed projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 requires the State to cut bureaucratic redundancies and red tape to ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively, and also establishes the independent office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 69 on the June 2018 ballot would add additional protections for taxpayers by preventing the State Legislature from diverting or raiding any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is also a proposed ballot measure aimed for the November 2018 ballot (Attorney General #17-0033) that would repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB 1 and make it more difficult to increase funding for state and local transportation improvements in the future; and
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WHEREAS, this proposed November proposition would raid $226,888 annually dedicated to Palos Verdes Estates, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Palos Verdes Estates hereby supports Proposition 69, the June 2018 constitutional amendment to prevent new transportation funds from being diverted for non-transportation purposes; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Palos Verdes Estates hereby opposes the proposed November ballot proposition (Attorney General #17-0033) that would repeal the new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise state and local transportation funds in the future; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Palos Verdes Estates supports and can be listed as a member of the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state, in support of Proposition 69 and in opposition to the repeal of SB 1.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on May 8, 2018.

BETTY LIN PETERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:                   APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LAUREN PETPIT, City Clerk

CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

I, Lauren Pettit, City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution R18-28 was duly and regularly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates at its regular meeting of the City Council on the 8th day of May, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Peterson, Kao, King, Davidson, Vandeever,

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

RECUSED: COUNCILMEMBER: None

Lauren Pettit, City Clerk