

RESOLUTION R03-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL BEFORE STATE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE LOCAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, state government currently seizes over \$800 million in city property tax funds (ERAF) statewide, seriously reducing resources available for local public safety and other services; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the state budget this year the Legislature and Governor appropriated vehicle license fee backfill and redevelopment property tax funds that are needed to finance critical city services such as public safety, parks, street maintenance, housing and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the state budget also relies on a deficit bond financing program that is predicated on a local property and sales tax swap that leave city services vulnerable to future losses if the state's economic condition fails to improve; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly clear that the state will continue to use local tax funds to balance the state budget unless voters limit the power of the legislature and governor to do so; and

WHEREAS, the voters of California are the best judges of whether local tax funds should be diverted, confiscated, shifted or otherwise taken by the legislature to finance an ever expanding state government; and

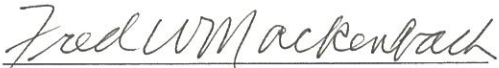
WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Voting Delegates of the League of California Cities at its September 10, 2003 meeting voted to sponsor a statewide ballot initiative to empower the voters to limit the ability of state government to confiscate local tax funds to fund state government; and

WHEREAS, the League has requested that cities offer support for a November 2004 ballot initiative that will allow voters to decide whether state government may appropriate local tax funds to fund state government operations and responsibilities.

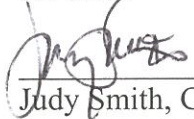
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES that the City hereby expresses its strong support for a statewide ballot initiative to allow voters to decide whether local tax funds may be taken, confiscated, shifted, diverted or otherwise used to fund state government operations and responsibilities.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of Resolution R03-32 and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

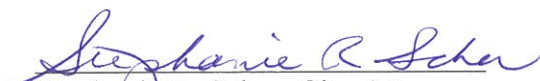
ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of September, 2003.


Fred W. Mackenbach, Mayor

ATTEST


Judy Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Stephanie R. Scher, City Attorney

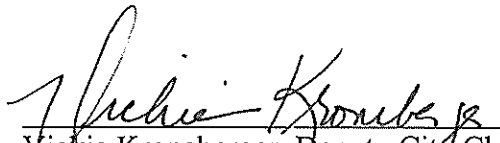
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES)

I, Vickie Kroneberger, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution **R03-32** 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 23rd day of September, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mackenbach, Sherwood, Humphrey,
Flood, and Abbott

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None


Vickie Kroneberger, Deputy City Clerk