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BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Resolution No. 721

Opposing Proposed Proposition Initiative 1935 which Limits Ability of Voters and State and Local Governments To Raise Revenues for Government Services.

WHEREAS, an association representing California's wealthiest corporations is spending millions of dollars to promote a deceptive proposition currently eligible for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed proposition, Initiative 1935 (formerly 21-0042A1), has received the official title: "LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT"; and

WHEREAS, the measure would revise the Constitution to allow corporations to more easily sue public agencies, costing residents and taxpayers millions of dollars and disrupting essential services; and

WHEREAS, the measure would retroactively invalidate billions of dollars in local government funding for essential services and infrastructure, including water and sewer services provided by the Bolinas Community Public Utility District ("BCPUD"), as well as to schools, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, housing, services to address homelessness and support mental health, and more; and

WHEREAS, the measure limits voters' rights, containing undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures to fund services, provisions that retroactively cancel measures recently passed by local voters, and provisions that prevent voters from passing advisory measures that provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure restricts the discretion and flexibility of locally elected boards to respond to the needs of their communities, and injects uncertainty into the financing and sustainability of critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the measure constrains state and local officials' ability to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods against those who violate the law; and

WHEREAS, the measure is opposed by hundreds of local governments, firefighters and other first responders, healthcare providers, teachers, working families, and local elected officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bolinas Community Public Utility District opposes Initiative 1935 (formerly 21-0042A1);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bolinas Community Public Utility District will join the No on Initiative 1935 (formerly 21-0042A1) coalition, a growing coalition of local government, public safety, labor, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

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We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at advocacy@csda.net.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on this 20th day of March, 2024.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

President, Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary