

CONSENT CALENDAR April 30, 2013

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: In Support of SCA 11 (Hancock)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution supporting SCA 11 which will condition the imposition, extension or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property.

Senator Hancock's SCA 11 would instead condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, non-substantive changes.

For full bill language, please visit the California Legislative Information website at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb 0001-0050/sca 11 bill 20130125 introduced.pdf\

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

IN SUPPORT OF SCA 11

WHEREAS, Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 11 is a resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the current California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property; and

WHEREAS, Senator Loni Hancock introduced SCA 11 in the California State Senate, which would instead condition the imposition, extension or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council does hereby support SCA 11 as proposed by Senator Loni Hancock which would condition the imposition or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters.