BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
RESOLUTION NO. 70-83

In the Matter of
PROPOSITION 18 RELATING TO
USE OF GASOLINE TAX FUNDS

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
PROPOSITION 18

WHEREAS, Proposition 18 proposes to amend Section 1 of
Article 26 of the Constitution of the State of California, which
section presently provides that gasoline tax funds shall be used
exclusively for the maintenance and construction of California
highways, county roads and city streets; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 18 proposes to grant to a local
agency the authority to divert a portion of its allocated gasoline
tax funds as well as funds allocated for state highway construction
and maintenance for such area for capital expenditures to facili-
tate public transportation, including mass transit systems; that
such proposition further directs the Legislature to enact legisla-
tion whereby highway user tax funds shall be used for the control
of environmental pollution caused by motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent need for the use of
gasoline tax funds for the maintenance and construction of highways
because of their growing deficiency and inadequacy both local and
state wide; and

WHEREAS, a diversion by a local agency of such funds for
mass transit systems will foreseeably result in a deficiency
of moneys for highway maintenance and construction in such local
area; that such a condition will result in a compelling need by
the State Legislature to increase the allocation to the area
diverting moneys for mass transit systems and reduce the alloca-
tion to those areas such as Mariposa County which do not have a
mass transit system; and

WHEREAS, gasoline tax revenue presently received by
Mariposa County pursuant to said Section 1 of Article XXVI is in-
adequate thereby necessitating the use of in lieu taxes and motor
vehicle registration fees and Road tax to meet Mariposa County's
needs for highway construction and maintenance; that any reduction
of the gasoline tax would require the use of other local funds for highway purposes, which would ultimately result in an increase in local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, moneys can now be appropriated by the Legislature for the control of environmental pollution caused by motor vehicles from funds derived from motor vehicle registration and weight fees without an amendment to the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the necessity for continued highway development will not be reduced either locally or state wide, regardless of what may be done to implement a mass transit plan or air pollution control measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, RE: IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby oppose Proposition 18 for the aforesaid reasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the electorate by and they are hereby urged to cast their vote against Proposition 18.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 20th day of October, 1970, by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, to wit:

AYS: Davis, Hurlbert, Long, Moffitt, Richardson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
NOT VOTING: None

Frank L. Long, Jr. - Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Gabrielle Wilson, County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors