

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution opposing Senate Bill 893 by Senator Dave Cox which seeks to shift all Proposition 10 revenue away from local First 5 Commissions and to a statewide California Families and Children's Commission. First 5 Commissions provide critical services to our most vulnerable residents by a) funding a variety of health services specific to the needs of our local population; b) addressing the multi-dimensional needs of young children especially in those families that have limited resources; c) the funding needs are based on local decision-making and meet local needs. If Senate Bill 893 is approved, First 5 Commissions will in all likely hood cease to exist and the County will lose this valuable asset.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Historically the Board has adopted Resolutions in support or opposition of issues that they feel are important to the well being of the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt the Resolution opposing Senate Bill 893. Individual Board members may write their own letters in opposition of Senate Bill 893, which may not carry the significance of a Board approved Resolution.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Draft Resolution
Source:		Senate Bill 893
Internal Transfer		First 5 Association of California bulletin
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	First 5 Mariposa County letter
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	First 5 Mariposa County Annual Report brochure
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 02164 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
 Deputy

CAO: [Signature]

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 07-164

OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 893 BY SENATOR DAVE COX

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 893 would shift all Proposition 10 revenue away from First 5 Mariposa County, resulting in the closure of the local commission, and direct revenue to the statewide California Families and Children's Commission to distribute for the purpose of providing only health care services to children; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 893 does not further the California Children and Families Act of 1998, which was enacted by Proposition 10 in the November 1998 statewide general election creating a program in the State for the purposes of promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from the prenatal state to five (5) years of age; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the California Children and Families Act of 1998 was to be accomplished through the establishment, institution, and coordination of appropriate standards, resources, and integrated and comprehensive programs emphasizing community awareness, education, nurturing, child care, social services, health care, and research; and it was further the intent of said Act to emphasize local decision making, to provide for greater local flexibility in designing delivery systems, and to eliminate duplication in administrative systems; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 893 does not further the intent of the California Children and Families Act of 1998 and eliminates local decision making, and flexibility in delivering services on a needs assessment basis; and

WHEREAS, the California Children and Families Act of 1998 recognized that no two children are alike and that the needs of children should be determined and that there be flexibility in promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children; and that said Act further realized that healthy children are the result of programs that emphasize community awareness, education, nurturing, child care, social services, and goes beyond strictly health care services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 893 does not assess the local needs of children and only provides health care services, when there are proven results that a healthy child is the result of a variety of programs that are not exclusive in health care; and

WHEREAS, health care is an instrumental component, it is not the only component and the children of California deserve more; and the California Children and Families Act of 1998 only provides for children prenatal stage to five (5) years of age and was not intended to be a sole provider of health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, since Proposition 10 was approved by California's voters in 1998, First 5 Mariposa County has dedicated over \$1 million to programs aimed at improving the lives of Mariposa County's youngest and most vulnerable residents; and

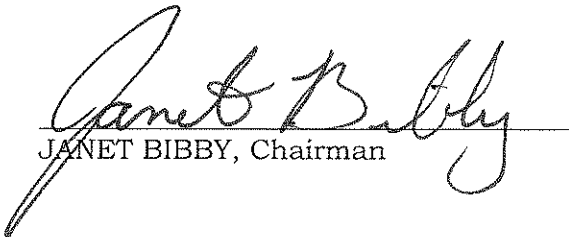
WHEREAS, programs funded through Proposition 10 monies include an array of services addressing overall children's health, readiness for school, specific health care opportunities, their families' needs, and a comprehensive system of care; and

WHEREAS, if Senate Bill 893 becomes law, Mariposa County's children and their families would no longer have access to variety of quality programs as determined by the local body.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors opposes Senate Bill 893 because of its impact on local control and Mariposa County's children and their families.

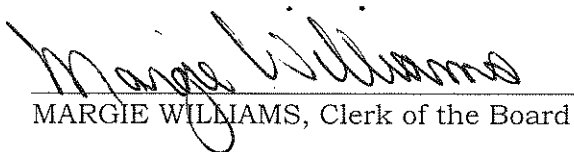
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 24th day of April 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:	ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE



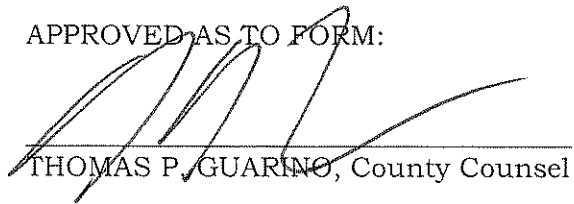
JANET BIBBY, Chairman

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel