

RESOLUTION NO. 432

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 14  
ON THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND  
URGING ITS DEFEAT

WHEREAS, Proposition 14, an initiative Constitution amendment, will be on the statewide general election ballot in November, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 will deprive the City of Ridgecrest of over forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per year in Local Transportation Fund sales tax money for construction of streets and drainage facilities by repealing the Mills Act of 1971, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 is alleged to provide property tax relief, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 will not provide overall tax relief for homeowners and renters, but will result in a massive tax shift penalizing aged persons, renters, and single-family homeowners, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 will seriously weaken local self-government by removing the ability of cities, counties, schools, and special districts to adequately finance needed services and facilities, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 will also remove the ability of the State Legislature to deal effectively with revenue and taxation matters by freezing critically deficient requirements into the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 will require substantial increases in State taxes to replace a \$1.2 billion deficit which the initiative creates, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 will produce a chaotic situation threatening ongoing city, county, special district and school activities as well as preventing orderly long-term development, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 14 is opposed by such responsible and respected individuals and organizations as Governor Ronald Reagan, the California Teachers Association, the California School Boards Association, the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, the California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, the California State Chamber of Commerce, the League of California Cities, and the County Supervisors Association of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST,  
RESOLVES:

1. That the City of Ridgecrest officially goes on record as opposing Proposition 14 and urging its defeat in November.

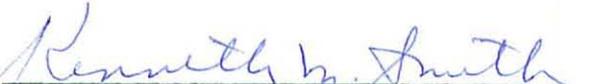
2. That this opposition be communicated to all groups and individuals within the community who are interested in effective local government.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF November, 1972, by the following vote:

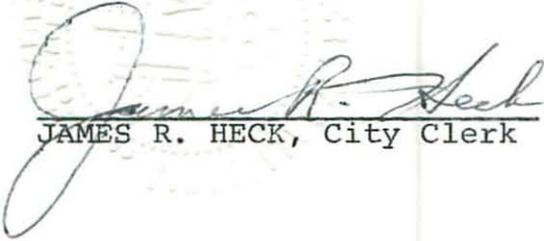
AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Fox and Shacklett

NOES: Councilmen Mettenburg and Wilson

ABSENT: None

  
KENNETH M. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JAMES R. HECK, City Clerk