

RESOLUTION NO. 84-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF RIDGECREST OPPOSING THE JARVIS IV
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the Jarvis IV Initiative Constitutional Amendment which will appear on the November ballot as Proposition 36 would lead to minority rule by requiring a two-thirds vote for many important local government decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Jarvis IV Initiative, by restricting local government revenue-raising authority beyond the already strict limits imposed by Propositions 13 and 4, would make local agencies more dependent upon the state for financial stability and policy direction; and

WHEREAS, the property tax provisions of Jarvis IV would widen the disparities between the taxation of properties with similar market values; and

WHEREAS, Jarvis IV, while it is purported to reduce taxes, will actually increase property taxes for nearly all property taxpayers who have purchased properties since 1978, including approximately 50% of homeowners in California; and

WHEREAS, one widely applauded result of Proposition 13 has been to relieve general taxpayers of the burden of paying for services which could be charged directly to the service user through fees, and this trend will be reversed, returning part of the financial burden for fee-supported services to general taxpayers if Jarvis IV is enacted; and

WHEREAS, Jarvis IV will further reduce the ability of local government to finance public services and capital improvements needed to accommodate economic growth; and

WHEREAS, many of the provisions of the lengthy Jarvis IV Initiative are confusing and ambiguous.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, that the City Council does hereby oppose Proposition 36, the Jarvis IV Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

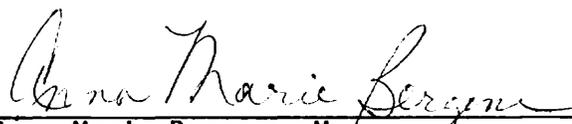
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 1984, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Bergens, Councilmembers Mower, Condos, Pearson, and Wiknich

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Anna Marie Bergens, Mayor

ATTEST:



for Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk