

RESOLUTION NO. 00-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 26 – THE LET'S  
FIX OUR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, more than two million California students attend class in temporary facilities, and the state must build six new classrooms every day if it is going to accommodate the quickly growing student population; and

**WHEREAS**, without significant new construction and modernization, existing schools will not be ready to handle the several hundred thousand additional students over the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, The Let's Fix Our Schools Initiative would amend the California Constitution and Education Code to allow passage of critically-needed local school bonds with a simple majority of 50 percent plus one, rather than the current two-thirds vote required, while holding local school districts strictly accountable for prudent and responsible spending; and

**WHEREAS**, at a time when California families want safer schools, more class size reduction, and better access to 21st century learning tools like computers and the Internet, we need to ensure that local school districts have the funds to create classroom environments that help students learn; and

**WHEREAS**, last year voters passes Proposition 1A, a \$9.2 billion statewide bond to provide state matching funds for local school facilities construction and improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts can only receive Proposition 1A state bond funds if they can generate matching funds through local bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, most California voters believe bonds are the best way to build and repair classrooms and reduce overcrowding in California's schools; and

**WHEREAS**, local school bonds require a two-thirds vote to pass, forcing many districts to run numerous grueling campaigns.

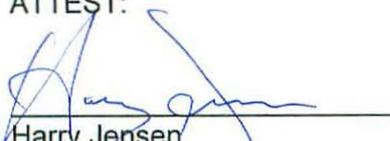
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest supports the passage of the Let's Fix Our Schools Initiative on the March, 2000 statewide ballot because it is a necessary and fair initiative.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this 2nd day of February, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Darnell, Council Members Carter, Holloway, Morgan, and SR  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
Donna Darnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Harry Jensen  
City Clerk