



# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

April 23, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Adoption of a Resolution Opposing the *Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018* Ballot Measure as Proposed by the California Business Roundtable**

## SUMMARY

**Recommendation** – That the City Council adopt the attached resolution opposing the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018.

**Fiscal Impact** – None with this action.

## DISCUSSION

Staff recently received communication from League of California Cities representatives requesting that the City officially oppose the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018. As proposed, the Measure (Attachment 2) would amend the State Constitution to change the rules for how the State and local governments can impose taxes, fees, and other charges. As drafted, the Measure would apply retroactively and may void any local measure approved by voters on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed State ballot measure would severely hurt the ability for the City of Pomona to continue to provide quality services by making it restrictively more difficult, some would say virtually impossible, to raise revenue to address community needs, services and much needed infrastructure improvements or to impose or increase fees necessary to offset actual costs of providing services.

Should the City Council approve the recommendations above, staff will draft letters articulating the City's position for the Mayor's signature and expedite transmission to the appropriate legislators, the League of California Cities and the City's legislative advocate in Sacramento.

Attachments: 1) Draft Resolution  
2) Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 Title & Summary