

Resolution 2009-17

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista

Declaring that a State of Severe Financial Hardship Exists for the City of San Juan Bautista and Strongly Opposing Any and All Proposals to Take Revenues from the City of San Juan Bautista to Solve a Fiscal Crises Created by the Legislature and The Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, the City of San Juan Bautista is one of the oldest cities of Historic Significance in the State of California and is one of smallest cities in the State of California, and

WHEREAS, the City of San Juan Bautista by nature of its size has an no ability to absorb the further taking of revenues that are required to provide basic health and safety services required by the residents of San Juan Bautista, and

WHEREAS, the State of California has over the years regularly raided local revenues to provide for state services, and has regularly required the City to comply with unfunded state mandated services and requirements, and

WHEREAS, as the State Department of Finance recommended that the Governor consider the suspension of Proposition 1A and borrowing the Two Billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00) from cities in anticipation of the failure of ballot measures in the May 19 Special Statewide Election, and

WHEREAS, above the Two Billion dollars proposed by the State Department of Finance, the State of California has already seized property tax revenues statewide, including 8.6 billion dollars in the early 1990's, 895 million dollars in 2007-2008, and 350 billion dollars in 2008 -2009, and

WHEREAS, the City of San Juan Bautista, like all other cities in the State of California, has a very limited ability to increase revenues, due to State imposed laws, and voter approved restrictions stemming largely from the irresponsible actions of the State to raid the coffers of the Cities and Counties of the State and to impose unfunded mandates, and

WHEREAS, the State of California has, in the words of the Governor, "used the Cities of the State as its own ATM machine." which has made it more and more difficult to provide the basic municipal services to which local taxpayers expect their cities to provide, and

WHEREAS, the Cities of the State of California are expected to operate on a balanced budget, and the State of California has regularly avoided making the hard financial decisions necessary to live within its means, and has regularly determined to appropriate local revenues to fund its excessive appetite for spending, and

WHEREAS, the City of San Juan Bautista operates on a "bare bones" budget and has very limited tax base upon which it derives its revenues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista respectfully requests that Governor and Legislature of the State of California refrain from taking revenues from the Cities of this State and take action to "live within its means" and balance the State Budget within the revenues available to the state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June 2009 by the following vote:

AYE: Edge, Laverone, Hill, Bilich, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Rick Edge

ATTEST:

Linda G. McIntyre, City Clerk