



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Vyto Adomaitis, Neighborhood Services and Public Safety Director

CONTACT: JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting California Ballot Proposition 68, Parks, Environment and Water Bond

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 18-___ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Supporting Proposition 68, Parks, Environment and Water Bond."

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 5 (SB 5), the "California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal and Outdoor Access Act of 2018" that places Proposition 68 on the June 2018 statewide ballot. Proposition 68 is a bond measure that would provide \$4 billion for parks, water, climate change, and environmental programs.

DISCUSSION:

California cities, including Goleta, would benefit directly from the passage of Proposition 68. Cities would be eligible for a total of \$1.69 billion to invest in park improvements, water infrastructure, and climate and environmental programs. Each city would receive a per capita allocation of at least \$200,000 for local park improvements. The City may also be eligible to apply for other grants to fund local park improvements, water project, climate preparedness and habitat resiliency.

At the Parks and Recreation Commission of April 4, 2018, the Commission voted to recommend that the City Council provide a letter of support to the California Parks and Recreation Society as well as the California League of Cities. This proposition aligns with the 2018 City of Goleta Legislative Platform, as listed below:

- Section 2: Housing, Community and Economic Development
 - B. Land Use Planning
- Section 3: Transportation, Communication and Public Works
 - B Water and Biological Resources

- Section 4: Community Services
 - A. Parks and Recreation
 - B. Facilities
- Section 5: Environmental Quality
 - A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability

During the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the question of cost was discussed and there was concern for the impacts to Goleta residents. For clarification, Proposition 68 is a General Obligation Bond issue on the ballot in June. The state sells general obligation bonds to investors, who in effect provide funds to the state and the state repays the investors with interest over time. The state repays bondholders through revenue in the State's General Fund. The California Constitution requires that general obligation bond issues of \$300,000 or more be referred to voters for approval or rejections. Between 1993 and 2018, voters of California cast ballots on 39 bond issues, approving 31 of them.

State general obligation bonds enjoy the Full Faith and Credit Clause of California. The Full Faith and Credit Clause expresses the commitment of the issuer to repay the bonds from all legally available funds.

GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:

City-Wide Strategy: Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Enhance revenue by seeking grants and implementing financial strategies that strengthen the City budget.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with taking action to support or oppose this resolution.

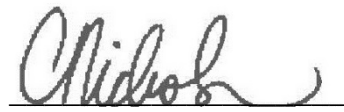
ALTERNATIVES:

Council may wish to take no action at this time.

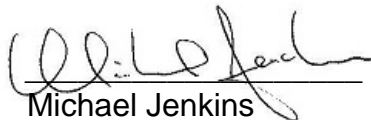
Reviewed By:

Legal Review By:

Approved By:



Carmen Nichols
Deputy City Manager



Michael Jenkins
City Attorney



Michelle Greene
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 18-__ "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Supporting Proposition 68, Parks, Environment and Water Bond"

ATTACHMENT 1
RESOLUTION 18-_ SUPPORTING
PROPOSITON 68

RESOLUTION NO. 18-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 68,
PARKS, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER BOND**

WHEREAS, California faces frequent and intense droughts, devastating wildfires, and growing challenges from climate change that threaten our water, parks, coastline, access to the outdoors, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Our water, parks, and outdoors are what makes California special, and we must safeguard our open spaces, access to our coast, natural areas, forests, and beautiful places where families hike, camp, swim and play; and

WHEREAS, Families in some underserved communities in California have water that is so contaminated that they cannot turn on the tap and get clean water to drink; and

WHEREAS, Many communities lack access to safe neighborhood parks for children to play and exercise; and

WHEREAS, A clean, reliable water supply is essential to the health of our families and strength of our economy, and supports an \$87 billion outdoor recreation and tourism industry that provides over 700,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, It has been 15 years since California passed a bond to provide funding for natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 is a general obligation bond that invests \$4.1 billion in the coming years for some of California's most pressing water, parks, and natural resource needs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 provides \$1.7 billion to ensure clean drinking water, prepare for the next drought, clean up groundwater, capture and recycle more water, and keep toxic pollutants out of California's rivers, lakes and streams that supply clean water; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 dedicates \$1.3 billion to create safe parks for every child, improve parks in neighborhoods with the greatest need, repair local and state park facilities, and restore and expand access to outdoor recreation throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 invests \$1.1 billion to protect California's natural resources to prevent wildfires, restore rivers, lakes, streams and natural areas, prevent toxic air pollution, address climate change, and protect our coastline to increase access to our coast and beaches; and

WHEREAS, All regions of the state will benefit from these investments with strict accountability to ensure funds will be spent efficiently and for intended purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Supports and endorses Proposition 68 on the June 5, 2018 statewide ballot, and hereby adopts this resolution the ____ day of ____, 2018.

SECTION 2.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this __ day of ____ 2018.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of
_____, 2018 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK