RESOLUTION 2018-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BELL, OPPOSING THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, California's cities, counties and special districts follow strict guidelines and existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter approval of all local taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is a signature-gathering campaign for a state ballot measure currently sponsored by the California Business Roundtable that would severely harm the ability of local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to raising local revenue to address community needs, services and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local community members, in concert with their duly-elected officials—rather than a special interest group in Sacramento— to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would allow businesses to escape from their existing obligations to pay the full cost of services that they request and receive from local agencies and benefit from; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would then shift the burden of these uncovered costs from business interests to local general funds supported by taxpayers, and thereby reduce general funds available to support police, fire, park, planning, and other community services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City of Bell hereby opposes the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 sponsored by the California Business Roundtable on the grounds that this measure would harm the ability of local communities to adequately fund services, and directs the City Clerk to email a copy of this resolution to the League of California Cities at cityletters@cacities.org.

SECTION 2: That 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 13th day of June, 2018.

[Signature]
Fidencio Joel Gallardo, Mayor

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CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Angela Bustamante, City Clerk of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:  Councilmembers Romero, Saleh, Valencia, Vice-Mayor Quintana and Mayor Gallardo

NOES:  None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Angela Bustamante, City Clerk