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PRIORITIZATION
OF MUNICIPAL
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CITY OF MODESTO

The City Clerk presented a copy of the City of Modesto's Resolution No. 81-361, entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Modesto Regarding State of California Prioritization of Municipal Services".

MODESTO CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 81-361

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MODESTO REGARDING STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PRIORITIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Governor of California has submitted a proposed 1981-82 State Budget to the Legislature which would sharply reduce revenues to cities of this State and change the distribution of property taxes now supporting city governments in California; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Budget proposal maintains State programs through funding caseload and workload increases, price adjustments, merit salary increases and partial cost of living increases, and provides new spending for prisons, pesticides, toxic materials, earthquake readiness, and conservation and economic investments while reducing revenues to local governments which will necessitate major program cuts in basic city services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Budget proposal shifts \$920 million in property tax away from cities and counties to fund State programs clearly in contravention of the philosophy that property tax should be used for property related purposes, such as police, fire and street maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Budget proposes to use \$250 million shifted from city and county revenues to restore the monetary reserve of the State Government while cities are losing reserves and reducing basic services, such as police, fire, street maintenance, park maintenance and street lighting to meet revenue reductions; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 has removed almost all revenue raising authority from city councils and placed the financing of city government largely in the hands of the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Modesto does hereby oppose the Governor's proposed 1981-82 Budget as totally inadequate in addressing the service needs of this City, Stanislaus County, the School District serving the children of this City, and special districts providing services to residents of this City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Legislature take immediate steps to develop a 1981-82 State Budget that will provide the following:

1. Design the cuts in revenues so as to leave all categories of agencies from the State Government to the smallest local district with the same approximate unrestricted revenue growth in 1981-82.
2. Eliminate the deflator mechanism of AB 8 (1979) which has proven totally unworkable and oppose any new government financing measure which contains a "deflator" mechanism permitting local funding to be withdrawn without a vote of the Legislature.

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3. Retain property taxes as a local government revenue because local government services are property related and because the property tax can provide an incentive for cities, counties and districts to seek new construction and growth.
4. Utilize a more equitable method than the Governor's budget formula now contained in SB 111/AB 251 which is based on the amount of bail-out assistance received under AB 8 to allocate reductions in revenues to local government agencies in 1981-82.
5. Eliminate the Governor's \$120 million law enforcement and crime prevention initiative. The initiative redirects money away from law enforcement in cities to State projects and forces counties to channel money which could be spent locally for jails through the State Government at a time when the withdrawal of such money from local agencies will cause reduction of law enforcement programs at the city level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor of California, to the State Legislators representing the people of this City, to the League of California Cities; and to the cities of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 5th day of May, 1981, by Councilmember Lang, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Bright, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	Bright, Elliott, Lang, Muratore, Patterson, Siefkin, Mayor Mansinger
NOES:	Councilmembers:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	None

ATTEST:

NORRINE COYLE, City Clerk

The foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in this office which has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

ATTEST

Norrine Coyle
 NORRINE COYLE, City Clerk of the City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus, State of California.