

RESOLUTION NO. 98-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN  
OPPOSITION TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN  
CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, everyday, billions of dollars of critical projects are underway throughout the State of California including seismic retrofitting projects, flood control facilities, schools and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, local governments currently can decide whether to perform design work with their own staff or contract with private firms, on a competitive basis; and

WHEREAS, this process allows local governments to determine the most economical and timely way to deliver a project; and

WHEREAS, the so-called "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment" changes the process by giving State employees a virtual monopoly on designing nearly every project; and

WHEREAS, this will thereby require cities, counties, schools, special districts and regional governments to use State employees to design roads, parks, hospitals, health clinics, schools, water treatment facilities, flood control walls and other critical structures, including all engineering, design, geological and environmental work; and

WHEREAS, the proposed initiative eliminates local control and may communities will have to rely on State employees for their design work; and

WHEREAS, the State Controller would have to analyze tens of thousands of proposed contracts per year potentially costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, or more, in additional expenses; and

WHEREAS, this could cause delays on important projects in San Joaquin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi hereby opposes the so-called "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment."

Dated: March 18, 1998

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 98-44 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held March 18, 1998 by the following vote:

- AYES: Council Members - Johnson, Land, Mann, Pennino and Sieglock (Mayor)
- NOES: Council Members - None
- ABSENT: Council Members - None
- ABSTAIN: Council Members - None

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City Clerk