

RESOLUTION NO. 94-115

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 186
(HEALTH CARE REFORM)

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WHEREAS, Proposition 186 amounts to a state government takeover of the entire health care system in California, including programs administered at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the \$40 to \$50 billion additional tax revenues required to operate this new system will double the tax revenues of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, projected deficits of from \$14.5 to \$27.5 billion in the new system will require additional taxes or rationing of medical services to close the deficit, and

WHEREAS, local governments lose control over health programs for their own employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, local governments will be required to pay a payroll tax of 8.9 percent of payroll to the state fund, thus rendering local government little more than a collector of health care funds with no control over how the money is spent; and

WHEREAS, the rich package of benefits in Proposition 186 will likely attract non-residents to California seeking health care, thereby imposing ancillary costs on local governments; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 186 may undermine the sole remedy concept of workers' compensation by allowing injured workers to sue collateral sources, leading to a litigation explosion, and weaken the workers' compensation reforms enacted in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the vast shift of power to a single elected Health Czar in Sacramento embodied in Proposition 186 will undermine the health care delivery system and diminish the ability of cities and counties to provide for health needs of their constituents at the local level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lodi opposes Proposition 186 and urges Californians to vote against this measure on the November 8, 1994 ballot.

Dated: October 5, 1994

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 94-115 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held October 5, 1994 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Mann, Pennino, Snider and
Sieglock (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - Davenport

Absent: Council Members - None


Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk