

RESOLUTION NO. 83-29

RESOLUTION OPPOSING AB 187 (YOUNG) AND SB 778 (DILLS)  
WHICH WOULD ENACT A SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY AND BINDING  
ARBITRATION TO SETTLE COLLECTIVE DISPUTES

WHEREAS, Compulsory and binding arbitration takes away from the City Council its control over the budget for police and fire services in that an arbitrator takes the Council's place and decides the priority of local services and the amount the taxpayers will pay for those services; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers now hold their elected officials accountable for decisions they make in the local government collective bargaining process. An arbitrator cannot be held responsible and the citizens and the City Council have no choice but to live with the results; and

WHEREAS, there is no incentive on the part of police and fire unions to bargain in good faith with the employer under a system of compulsory and binding arbitration. Compulsory and binding arbitration is a "No-lose situation" for police and fire unions. The bottom line for the union on any issue is the employer's last offer and arbitration usually produces an award higher than what is produced through negotiations and it frequently produces an award which the employer cannot afford; and

WHEREAS, local governments now face the most difficult financial decisions in 50 years. The legislature should increase the ability of local government officials to make tough financial decisions. Compulsory and binding arbitration only reduces the options open to deal with this crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby oppose AB 187 (Young) and SB 778 (Dills) as the enactment of such compulsory and binding arbitration legislation would make a profound and detrimental change in the basic authority of local government.

Dated: April 20, 1983

I hereby certify that Resolution No.83-29 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 20, 1983 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Pinkerton, Snider, Reid, Murphy, and Olson (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

*Alice M. Reimche*

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City Clerk