

RESOLUTION NO._____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE IN SUPPORT
OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 15, TAX ON COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTIES FOR EDUCATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING INITIATIVE
(THE SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING ACT)**

WHEREAS, for the last four decades, cities, counties and special districts in California have experienced underinvestment and cuts to critical services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, property tax is one of the few discretionary sources of revenue for cities, counties and special districts to provide these critical services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, under California's current property tax system, owners of commercial and industrial properties have been able to avoid regular property tax assessment and to conceal ownership changes that would otherwise trigger property tax reassessment, which tax avoidance has resulted in millions of dollars of property tax losses that could be targeted toward education and other essential services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act* could yield about \$12 billion in property tax revenues every year by closing these tax avoidance loopholes in California's property tax system which tax revenue will provide much needed funding to cities, counties and special districts, including school districts through the existing property tax allocation system; and

WHEREAS, the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act* does not affect property taxes for residential homeowners or renters because the initiative expressly exempts all residential property; and

WHEREAS, the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act* has the added benefit of incentivizing more residential development and providing more funding for communities to invest in affordable housing, and it will spur investment in small business by eliminating the business personal property tax on equipment for California's small businesses and exempting small business owners whose property is worth \$3 million or less, which exemptions will level the playing field for businesses that already pay their fair share in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020* is expected to be on the November 2020 ballot, and in light of the national and state economic crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, California's local communities need additional revenues for their continued provision of services and the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020* is one way to provide that needed financial support.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Glendale, State of California, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. That the City of Glendale hereby resolves to support the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020* for a ballot measure in November 2020.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF GLENDALE)

I, ARAM ADJEMIAN, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. _____ was duly adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020 and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk