

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
OPPOSING CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE BILL 49

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2007, State Senator Carole Migden introduced in the California State Senate proposed statewide legislation (SB 49) to prohibit a local agency or redevelopment agency from providing financial assistance to a sports stadium project that involves the relocation of a professional sports team franchise from the territorial jurisdiction of one local agency to another within the same market area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed statewide legislation is intended to preclude public-private financial assistance that includes but is not limited to: bonds or other forms of indebtedness, loans, grants, subsidies, guaranties, tax incentives, conveyance of real property, rebates, rent credits and other forms of direct or indirect financial assistance to the professional sports franchise, any of its developer partners, or any of their affiliates, contractors, or agents in connection with a sports stadium project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed statewide legislation is intended to apply specifically to a franchise or other entity operated for the exhibition of National Football League games, and any affiliate organized to develop or operate a sports stadium; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco 49ers, an NFL franchise that has had its headquarters and training facilities in the City of Santa Clara and currently plays its home games at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, has publicly stated its interests in moving all of its operations outside of San Francisco and is considering the City of Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, the proposed statewide legislation's definition of "market area" is either a geographic area that is recognized by the NFL as the territory for a professional sports franchise up to 100 miles or any other larger geographic area as the relevant market for the professional sports franchise up to 100 miles, the real intent of said legislation is to specifically prohibit a move by the San Francisco 49ers from the city of San Francisco to the city of Santa Clara or any other Bay Area municipality; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco 49ers, already an economic, social and recreational asset for all the cities in the Bay Area, by moving closer to San Jose would increase economic, social and recreational benefits for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the passage of SB49 would eliminate the ability of San Jose and other municipalities to reap such benefits and would force the San Francisco 49ers out of the Bay Area entirely;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Altos opposes the proposed statewide legislation (SB 49) due to its deleterious effects on San Jose's economy and quality of life and those of our neighboring cities and counties.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting of the said Council held on the 10th day of April 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: PACKARD, CASAS, BECKER, COLE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CARPENTER


Robert C. Cole, MAYOR

Attest:


Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK