

RESOLUTION NO. 04-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS
ALTOS ENDORSING PROPOSITION 56, THE BUDGET
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
ON THE MARCH 2, 2004 BALLOT

WHEREAS, the State Constitution requires legislative passage of the budget bill by June 15 of each year, but does not require the Governor and Legislature to come to final agreement by the start of the new fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has missed the Constitutional deadline every year since 1986 and the financial situation of the State has deteriorated, and

WHEREAS, repeated budget stalemates that occur at the State level limit the ability of local jurisdictions to formulate responsible budgets; and

WHEREAS, late adoption of the state budget results in local jurisdictions using incomplete information from the State to make local funding decisions; and

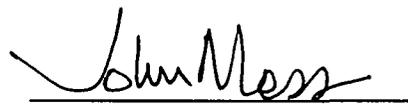
WHEREAS, the final state budget adoption is arrived at during a process of comprises and negotiations which have not served the citizens of the Sate of California well; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 56, a March 2004 ballot initiative, would amend the State Constitution to lower the threshold for legislative approval of the State budget and budget-related tax and appropriation bills to 55%, and give further incentives to passing the budget on time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Altos strongly endorses Proposition 56 on the March 2, 2004 ballot and encourages voters in the City of Los Altos to vote in favor of this measure.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this resolution was duly introduced and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Los Altos City Council on the 27th day of January, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: Cole, Packard, Casas, Lear, Moss
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



JOHN MOSS, MAYOR



SUSAN KITCHENS, CITY CLERK