

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
IN SUPPORT OF “THE FAIR COMPETITION AND TAXPAYER  
SAVINGS ACT” INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, California’s population growth has resulted in a serious backlog of highway, prison, flood control and other infrastructure improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the state’s independent Legislative Analyst found that traffic congestion alone cost Californians \$7.8 million dollars every day last year; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to complete the backlog of vital projects the need for state and local governments to contract with the private sector for architectural and engineering services has never been greater, and

**WHEREAS**, a series of successful lawsuits by a group of employees at Caltrans has resulted in effectively banning the state from contracting with private engineers and architects; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to stop the continuing effort to prevent state and local government from utilizing private engineers and architects, an initiative known as “The Fair Competition and Taxpayer Savings Act” has been prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fair Competition and Taxpayers Act simply overturns these lawsuits and allows state and local governments to contract with private architects and engineers – something 49 other states can already do; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fair Competition and Taxpayers Act will save California’s taxpayers money and help deliver needed infrastructure projects on budget and on time; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fair Competition and Taxpayers Act requires private architecture and engineering firms be chosen by the same process used in all 49 other states, which is based first on qualifications and requires financial and performance audits as necessary to ensure contract services are delivered within the agreed schedule and budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council Of the City of Los Altos that the City SUPPORTS “The Fair Competition and Taxpayer Savings Act” for architectural and engineering services.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Mayor Moss, Councilmembers Becker, Casto, La Poll, and Lear

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

  
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John Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Scharz, City Clerk