RESOLUTION NO. 2018-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, California's cities, counties and special districts follow strict guidelines and existing state law regarding the establishment of reasonable fees and the required voter approval of all local taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is a signature-gathering campaign for a state ballot measure currently sponsored by the California Business Roundtable that would severely harm the ability of local governments to continue to provide quality services by imposing onerous roadblocks to raising local revenue to address community needs, services and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local community members, in concert with their duly elected officials—rather than a special interest group in Sacramento—to determine the services and funding levels appropriate for their own cities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would allow businesses to escape from their existing obligations to pay the full cost of services that they request and receive from local agencies and benefit from; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot measure would then shift the burden of these uncovered costs from business interests to local general funds supported by taxpayers, and thereby reduce general funds available to support police, fire, park, planning, and other community services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, that the Albany City Council hereby oppose the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 sponsored by the California
Business Roundtable on the grounds that this measure would harm the ability of local communities to adequately fund services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council direct the City Manager to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at cityletters@cacities.org

[Signature]
Peggy McQuaid, Mayor
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 16th day of April, 2018, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Maass, Nason, Pilch and Mayor McQuaid

NOES:

ABSENT: Council Members Barnes

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

17th day of April, 2018.

Eileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK