RESOLUTION NO. 37/2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 53, REVENUE BONDS: STATEWIDE VOTE ON BOND INITIATIVE TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 STATEWIDE BALLOT

WHEREAS, California and its local communities have a backlog of essential infrastructure needs, including crumbling local streets and roads, unsafe bridges and overpasses, aging water supply infrastructure, inadequate public transportation systems, and overcrowded hospitals and universities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 53 on the November ballot would erode local control and undermine the ability of cities, counties and other local agencies and the state to form partnerships to finance the construction of some critical public infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would require a statewide vote on certain local infrastructure projects financed through revenue bonds, where local governments have joined in a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in partnership with the state or where the state was involved in the creation of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, by requiring a statewide vote on some local or regional projects, this initiative would erode local control by empowering voters in distant communities to reject projects which they do not use and do not fund; and

WHEREAS, this measure could derail and delay the Town of Corte Madera's ability to make improvements to critical infrastructure, including after emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, No on 53 is a growing coalition of organizations representing local governments, water agencies, public safety leaders, businesses, labor unions, hospitals, family farmers, environmentalists and educators that have come together to officially oppose this initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera does hereby oppose Proposition 53.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Corte Madera will join No on 53 coalition. We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to Kyle Griffith of the No on 53 campaign at kgriffith@bcfpublicaffairs.com.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council of Corte Madera at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of September, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

Councilmembers:

ANDREWS, BAILEY, CONDON, FURST, LAPPERT

NOES:

Councilmembers:

- NONE -

ABSTAIN:

Councilmembers:

- NONE -

ABSENT:

Councilmembers:

- NONE -

Sloan C. Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Vaughr Town Clerk