

**RESOLUTION NO. 38/2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA  
TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 54, CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TRANSPARENCY  
ACT OF 2016**

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that public business by the California Legislature be performed in an open and public manner and residents be given the opportunity to fully review every bill and express their views regarding the bill's merits to their elected representatives, before it is passed; and

**WHEREAS**, last-minute amendments to bills in the Legislature are frequently pushed through without sufficient opportunities for public comment, or advance notice, providing members of the Legislature with no realistic opportunity to review or debate them, resulting in ill-considered legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, few citizens have the ability to attend legislative proceedings in person, and many legislative proceedings go completely unobserved by the public and press, often leaving no record of what was said; and

**WHEREAS**, with the availability of modem recording technology and the Internet, there is no reason why public legislative proceedings should remain relatively inaccessible to the citizens that they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, California should also follow the lead of other states that require a 72-hour advance notice period between the time a bill is printed and made available to the public and the time it is put to a vote, allowing an exception only in the case of a true emergency, such as a natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 54, the California Legislature Transparency Act, prohibits the Legislature from voting on a bill until it has been published online in its final form for at least 72 hours. In addition, Proposition 54:

- a. Allows this 72-hour notice period to be waived to address a state emergency declared by the Governor, followed by a two thirds vote of the legislative body, prior to action being taken on the measure for which the rules are being waved; and
- b. Requires the Legislature, by January 1, 2019, to ensure audiovisual recordings of all public proceedings are publicly accessible on the Internet within 24 hours and archived for at least 20 years thereafter (excludes closed session meetings), and allows all recordings of public proceedings to be used for any legitimate purpose.

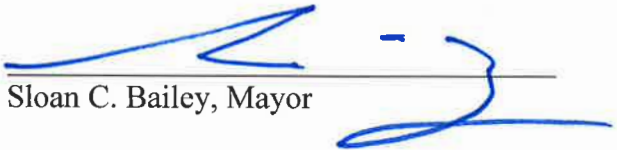
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera does hereby support Proposition 54, the California Legislature Transparency Act.

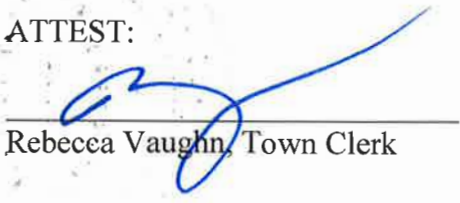
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Corte Madera will join the Yes on 54 coalition. We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to Kristi K. Thielen with the Yes on 54 Campaign at [acostaconsulting.org](http://acostaconsulting.org)

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**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 -

  
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Sloan C. Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk