

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS IN SUPPORT OF SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Water District) works to ensure a safe and reliable water supply; that waterways have reduced levels of toxins; that water supply and dams are protected from earthquakes and natural disasters; that habitat is restored and open space provided; and that flood protection is provided to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing parcel tax, Clean Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection, will expire on June 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water District is considering continuing their special tax by seeking the approval of the voters of Santa Clara County in November, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, this ballot measure would fund the Water District’s Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan will help preserve and improve our quality of life to:

- Ensure a safe, reliable water supply;
- Reduce toxins, hazards and contaminants, such as mercury and pharmaceuticals, in our waterways;
- Protect our water supply and local dams from earthquakes and natural disasters;
- Restore fish, bird, and wildlife habitat and provide open space access;
- Provide flood protection to local homes, businesses, schools, streets, and highways; and

**WHEREAS**, this ballot measure would require two-thirds voter approval, which would demonstrate overwhelming voter support; and

**WHEREAS**, because water supply, stream protection, and flooding are regional issues, this measure is important for the City of Milpitas in that it would support provision of a reliable water supply; funding for local trails; grants to improve drinking water supplies on school campuses; reductions in toxins in waterways; protection of water supply and dams; restoration of wildlife habitat; protection of open space; and flood protection for homes, businesses, schools, streets, and roadways.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City of Milpitas supports the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan and the Water District placing the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan on the November 2012 ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

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Jose S. Esteves, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney