



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Assembly Constitutional Amendment 13 Letter of Support

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

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PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in support of Assembly Constitutional Amendment 13 (ACA 13).

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Effective Governance
- Fiscal Responsibility

DISCUSSION

The League of California Cities (CalCities) is recommending that City Councils endorse California Assembly Constitutional Amendment 13 (ACA 13), which pertains to ballot measures in the state. ACA 13 seeks to make improvements to the State's ballot initiative process.

California's ballot initiative process allows citizens to propose and enact laws or constitutional amendments through direct democracy. ACA 13 protects local government revenue streams and individual cities' ability to deliver critical services to residents.

In particular, ACA 13 would require any initiative constitutional amendment to conform with any increased voter threshold that it seeks to impose on future ballot measures. For example, if an initiative constitutional amendment seeks to place a two-thirds vote threshold on a specific item, that initiative would need to pass with a two-thirds vote. In doing this, ACA 13 would prevent an initiative that passes by a simple majority from requiring future ballot measures to pass by a super-majority.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Technology
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works