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**August 7, 2018**

**Opposition to Proposition 6 - Gas Tax Repeal**

In April 2017, the California State (State) Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, the County of Los Angeles (County) supported SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), which increased funding for the State’s transportation system and infrastructure by raising taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, and creating two new vehicle taxes. SB 1 is estimated to facilitate the investment of \$54 billion over the next ten years to fix roads, freeways, and bridges throughout the State, as well as fund transit and safety programs. The provisions of SB 1 phase in the various tax increases and fees, and mandate that this funding be evenly split between State and local investments.

Proposition 6, which is on the November 6, 2018 Statewide Ballot for voter approval, proposes a repeal of SB 1 and a requirement that the State Legislature submit any future measure that would impose, increase or extend gas taxes or fees, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways. The State Legislative Analyst’s Office estimates that if approved by the voters, Proposition 6 would reduce Statewide transportation tax revenues by \$4.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2018-19. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2019-20, the measure would eliminate all SB 1 transportation tax revenues, resulting in a loss of \$4.9 billion annually by 2020-21 when all of the SB 1-related taxes

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would have gone into effect. The funding reductions would dramatically affect State highway maintenance and rehabilitation, local streets and roads, and mass transit.

The Director of the County's Department of Public Works estimates that the County will receive \$683.7 million between Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Fiscal Year 2021-22 to fund road maintenance and rehabilitation, safety projects, railroad grade separations, traffic control devices, complete street components, including active transportation purposes, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and transit facilities among other transportation priorities. In addition, passage of Proposition 6 would eliminate a key funding source for local street, local road, and state highway maintenance and rehabilitation. This would, in turn, hamper the County's ability to deliver essential transportation, infrastructure and municipal services that are critical to the safety, mobility and quality of life in our communities, as well as the economic vitality in the County's region.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Take an official position to oppose Proposition 6 which would eliminate the recently enacted road repair and transportation funding and repeal the revenues dedicated for these transportation purposes, as approved by SB 1 of 2017.

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