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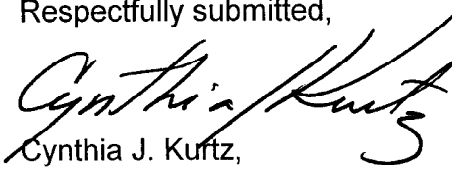
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
RE: Opposition to AB1690 (Leno & Leiber) - Public Safety Finance Agencies (Authorization for Local Income Tax)

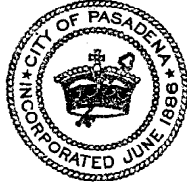
Following a discussion with the city's legislative advocate, the Legislative Policy Committee voted to add SB 1690 as an emergency item to their June 24 agenda. SB 1690 authorizes any city to form a public safety finance agency to levy a local general income tax, if that tax is approved by a majority of the voters voting on that tax.

The Committee voted to oppose the bill on the basis that it passes responsibility for solving the State's fiscal crisis to local government. On the advice of the legislative advocate, the Committee also moved to draft and send a letter stating the City's position immediately. A letter was sent on June 25 (attached.)

The League of California Cities has not taken a position on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cynthia J. Kurtz,  
City Manager



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 24, 2003

The Honorable Gil Cedillo  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 3048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Oppose – AB1690: Local Income Tax**

Dear Senator Cedillo:

On behalf of the City of Pasadena, I wish to inform you that we strongly oppose AB 1690 to authorize cities and counties to impose a local income tax.

The City of Pasadena opposes AB 1690 because it passes the burden of the State budget crisis onto local governments. We believe the State should be held accountable -- fiscal problems created at the state level must be solved at the state level. Shifting the burden to local governments to impose new taxes is unfair and irresponsible.

We urge you to oppose this measure and continue to seek reasonable fiscal solutions in the legislature.

Sincerely,

SID TYLER  
Vice Mayor

Cc: Senator Jack Scott  
Assemblymember Carol Liu  
League of California Cities  
Emanuels, Jones and Associates  
Stephanie DeWolfe, Assistant to the City Manager