

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4377

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, as part of its 2011-12 budget proposal, the Governor has proposed permanently abolishing California's more than 400 local redevelopment agencies; and

WHEREAS, this proposal represents more of the same misguided and illegal State budget raids of local government funds that voters have repeatedly sought to end, most recently in November 2010 when an overwhelming 61% of voters elected to stop State raids of local government funds, including redevelopment funds; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will bring very little financial benefit to the State. According to the State Controller's Office, redevelopment agencies have more than \$87 billion in bond and other contractual obligations that legally must be repaid before revenues are available to any other purpose. In fact, according to the State Department of Finance's own budget documents, there will be zero State savings in out years from shutting down redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will destroy local economic development, including hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in local economic activity throughout California. In fact, in the City of Perris, abolishing redevelopment will destroy

\$23,000,000 in Capital projects including millions of dollars in street & drainage improvements would be lost. Also lost would be \$170,400,000 in economic impact and the hundreds if not thousands of jobs created by those projects.

The Small Business Incentives Program which is directly responsible for attracting 6 businesses, creating 542 jobs and \$65,000,000 of economic impact in the City of Perris.

Hundreds of jobs will be lost and blight will remain with the cessation of the \$1,000,000 Downtown Commercial Façade Grant Program and the \$1,200,000 Downtown Unreinforced Masonry Grant Program.

Public Safety investments such as \$2,200,000 for the current Police/Sheriff Station, \$1,250,000 for the Placentia Av Fire Station or \$3,000,000 for the new Downtown Fire Station could not be funded.

234 families would be unable to purchase their home as they did with the Perris Homebuyer Assistance Program.

87 seniors would not have had health and safety improvements to their homes.

122 families would not have received assistance to improve their home to beautify the neighborhood.

The \$14,000,000 Mercado Apartments, housing for 60 families, would not be breaking ground.

The \$25,000,000 Perris Station Senior Apartments, housing up to 168 seniors, would not be in the final planning stage.

Hundreds if not thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic impact will be lost with the cessation of the referenced housing programs and projects.

K-12 Schools currently receive their full property tax share through pass-through payments. Investments such as the \$800,000 to build a satellite campus operated by Mt. San Jacinto College would be impossible.

Environmental concerns such as the \$1,000,000 soil remediation program in the downtown would be unable to be funded.

Local Merchants will lose revenue and support without the Shop Local Program.

Local civic groups such as the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Perris Valley Historical & Museum association will lose financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, throughout California, redevelopment activities support 304,000 jobs annually, including 170,600 construction jobs, contribute over \$40 billion annually to California's economy in the generation of goods and services, and generate more than \$2 billion in state and local taxes in a typical year; and

WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will take away one of the few tools local governments have to comply with state requirements to plan for more compact urban development supported by transit-oriented development, housing, jobs and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will destroy the development of affordable housing in California. Redevelopment agencies are the second largest funder of affordable housing, behind only the federal government, responsible for over 98,000 units of affordable housing since 1993; and

WHEREAS, shutting down redevelopment agencies is a violation of multiple State and Federal constitutional provisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Perris formally opposes the Administration's proposal to abolish redevelopment in California.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Perris authorizes its council and city staff to communicate its opposition to this proposal to the Governor, the Legislature, business groups, and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.

DARYL R. BUSCH,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PERRIS

ATTEST:

JUDY L. HAUGHNEY,
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, JUDY L. HAUGHNEY, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 4377 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting of said Council on the 8th day of February, 2011, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: LANDERS, EVANS, ROGERS, YARBROUGH, BUSCH
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

By: _____
Judy L. Haughney, City Clerk