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Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Suite 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**OPPOSE – Motion Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City Council and residents of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, I write to respectfully express our strong opposition to the Board Motion - Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1 by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, which would require a special election on June 2, 2026 to implement a countywide general retail transaction and use (sales) tax increase measure that would impose an additional ½ percent (0.5%) general tax on the residents of Los Angeles County.

While the City of Rancho Palos Verdes recognizes the serious fiscal challenges facing Los Angeles County, this measure would increase the sales tax burden on our residents and local businesses without providing cities any guaranteed benefit or revenue sharing to fund essential local services. This measure further increases the State and Local Tax burden on our county residence without any guarantee that the funds would be spent efficiently or equitably. Furthermore, this measure would eliminate or put at risk any future measures for local tax capacity, potentially eliminating any city's ability to pursue future voter-approved revenue measures that would directly benefit local residents.

Rancho Palos Verdes is already facing significant economic challenges due to the lack of adequate state and federal funding to address ongoing landslide risks to public infrastructure and homes. These challenges have strained City resources and further underscore the importance of preserving local revenue sources rather than introducing new general use taxes that would financially burden residents without any direct benefit and could be redirected towards other inefficient County programs with

no direct benefit to local communities.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes respectfully urges the Board to pursue alternative strategies to explore funding solutions that do not undermine local government's ability to retain existing local revenue sources.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Seo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Seo" clearly distinguishable.

Paul Seo  
Mayor