

# Top 5 Reasons Cities Should Oppose the **Taxpayer Deception Act**

An association representing California's wealthiest corporations — developers, oil, insurance, and drug companies — is behind a deceptive November 2024 statewide ballot proposition that would revise the state Constitution, creating new loopholes that enrich corporations at the expense of residents and our communities. **Here are the top 5 reasons cities should oppose this dangerous and undemocratic measure.**



## **1 Jeopardizes Funding for Vital Local Services**

According to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, this measure would significantly reduce funding for state and local services. It **could force billions of dollars in cuts** to fire and 911 emergency response, law enforcement, services that support homeless residents, and much more.



## **2 Opens the Door for Frivolous Lawsuits Against Cities**

The measure contains intentionally vague language that **will encourage hundreds of frivolous lawsuits against cities and local governments** — costing taxpayers millions and blocking investments in local vital services.



## **3 Attacks Voter Rights**

This measure fundamentally changes our constitution to **make it far more difficult for voters to pass measures** to fund local services. It also includes a hidden provision that **would retroactively cancel measures passed by voters after January 1, 2022** — undermining the decisions of local voters. It would also limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures, where voters provide direction to politicians on how they want their local tax dollars spent.



## **4 Allows Wealthy Corporations to Avoid Paying Their Fair Share**

Creates major new constitutional loopholes that **allow wealthy corporations to avoid paying their fair share** for the impacts they have on our communities. It shifts the burden and **forces individual taxpayers to pay more.**



## **5 Opposed by a Broad Coalition**

This measure is **opposed by a broad, bipartisan coalition** of cities and counties, firefighters, nurses, teachers, environmental groups, unions, and business leaders across the state.