**SAMPLE OPPOSE LETTER**

 Email a copy to BallotMeasures@calcities.org as well as your Regional Public Affairs Manager.

\*\*\*CITY LETTERHEAD\*\*\*

DATE

League of California Cities

c/o Public Affairs Department

1400 K Street, Suite 400

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Letter Opposing Initiative 21-0042A1**

On DATE, the City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ voted to oppose Initiative #21-0042A1, a November 2024 statewide ballot proposition. The measure is a significant threat to local control and voters’ rights that could jeopardize funding for vital services.

This measure creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, which could force residents and taxpayers to pay more to maintain services.

The measure puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to local services at risk, and could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, services to support homeless residents, and more.

The measure is also an attack on voters’ rights, containing undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures to fund local services, provisions that retroactively cancel measures recently passed by voters, and provisions that prevent voters from passing advisory measures that provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent.

Furthermore, the measure contains intentionally vague and restrictive language that will encourage hundreds of frivolous lawsuits against cities and local governments — costing taxpayers millions and blocking investments, development and long-term planning.

**PLEASE CITE SPECIFIC FISCAL AND LEVEL OF SERVICE IMPACTS TO YOUR CITY THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THIS INITIATIVE.**

You may list the City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in formal opposition to Initiative #21-0042A1 and include our city as part of the growing coalition of public safety, labor, local government, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state opposed to this deceptive proposition.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

CITY/TOWN of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_