

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO
OPPOSE PROPOSITION 50**

) **Resolution No.{{customfields.ResolutionNo}}**
) **Agreement No.**

WHEREAS, in 2008, California voters approved Proposition 11, establishing the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, an independent body tasked with drawing state legislative district boundaries for the Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization, transferring this responsibility from the state legislature to a nonpartisan commission in order to promote fairness and transparency in the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Proposition 20 expanded the authority of the Commission to include congressional districts, further removing partisan influence from the redistricting process at both the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare expressly opposes Proposition 50 as it pertains to the redistricting of state legislative and federal congressional districts, as the authority to establish such boundaries was deliberately vested by the voters of California in the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and should not be transferred back to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 creates a heightened risk of partisan gerrymandering, which could dilute the voices of rural communities, fracture counties and cities, and reduce the influence of local voters in favor of urban or partisan interests; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 would also result in costly and disruptive mid-decade map changes that would burden counties with election administration challenges, voter confusion, and unnecessary expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare does not find it prudent to undermine independent redistricting policy approved by voters or to jeopardize fair representation for rural Californians.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Tulare opposes Proposition 50.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:

Deputy Clerk