

RESOLUTION NO. 3697

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 74 -"PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION DUES: RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS, EMPLOYEE CONSENT REQUIREMENT, INITIATIVE STATUTE"

WHEREAS, Proposition 75 is unnecessary and unfair Its hidden agenda is to weaken public employees and strengthen the political influence of big corporations, and

WHEREAS, Proposition 75 is designed to reduce their ability to respond when politicians would harm education, health care, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, voters rejected a similar proposition and union members voted NO overwhelmingly; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 75 only restricts public employees. It does *not* restrict corporations—even though corporations spend shareholders' money on politics. The nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics says corporations already outspend unions in politics nationally by 24 to 1 Prop 75 will make this imbalance even worse.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad that based on the foregoing recitals, the Council urges the citizens of Soledad to oppose Proposition 75 on the November 8, 2005 election.

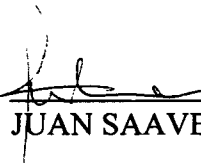
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Soledad held on this 2nd day of November, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers. Christopher Bourke, Stefanie De La Rosa, Patricia Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra

NOES, Councilmembers None

ABSENT, Councilmembers. Mayor Richard Ortiz

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers. None



JUAN SAAVEDRA, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST



NOELIA F CHAPA, City Clerk