RESOLUTION NO. 582

WHEREAS, there has been presented for consideration a proposal of the County Supervisor's Association, supported by the California Retail Merchant's Association, to provide for a 4% State Sales Tax with 3% to go to the State, 3/4/of 1% of the amount collected within incorporated cities to the cities, 1/4/ of 1% of the amount collected within the cities to the counties and 1% collected within unincorporated areas to the counties, and,

WHEREAS, it is contended that such a Sales Tax Plan would bring desirable uniformity to sales tax collection methods and procedures as well as provide revenues to County governments, and,

WHEREAS, presently the unincorporated areas of many counties have both a property and sales tax advantage over cities within said counties,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of San Anselmo actively opposes this proposal of the County Supervisors Association for the following reasons:

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1. This proposal would deprive cities of hard-wom local autonomy over a strictly local revenue source.
2. This proposal would constitute an invasion of heretofore exclusive state and municipal taxing areas and could lead to any number of additional county taxes on business operations within cities. This proposal is in effect forcing a local sales tax upon cities which do not now have or may not desire to have a sales tax.
3. This proposal would accentuate rather than reduce the problem of financing urban communities in unincorporated areas to the further disadvantage of the cities.
4. This proposal would place additional city funds and taxing powers at county disposal,whereas we believe that as the population of a county grows, local self-government as represented by municipalities should expand and increase,while remote, non-municipal government as represented by counties should be held incheck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any desired or essential uniformity in sales tax methods and procedures can best be accomplished by voluntary action between the citiesm,and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of San Anselmo would interpose no objection to either a special county property tax or a county sales tax in unincorporated areas only for the purpose of raising any additional funds they may need, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this city vigorously opposes the aforementioned proposal of the County Supervisor's Association, and the City Clerk be and she is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to other incorporated cities of the state, The Honorable Earl Warren, Governor of the State of California, members of the State Senate and Assembly and to the League of California Cities.

Passed, Approved and adopted by the Town of San Anselmo this 18th day of September 1952.

Anita Gannon
City Clerk