

**LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
Larkspur, California**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005/06-09

The California Live Within Our Means Act – Proposition 76

WHEREAS, California's 6 million students deserve high-quality schools with well-trained educators, small class sizes, quality instructional materials, and up-to-date textbooks;

WHEREAS, the California Live Within Our Means Act (Proposition 76) would give the governor the power to both create and declare a fiscal emergency and then to take unilateral budget actions; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 76 would also eliminate basic provisions and guarantees as provided by voters when they passed Proposition 98, including making the 2004-05 reductions to school funding permanent rather than temporary, and eliminating the requirement to restore any reductions to the funding guarantee; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 76 would seriously undermine the continuity and quality of instructional programs by exposing schools to unstable funding and the possibility of mid-year cuts, making it difficult to plan and budget for ongoing spending commitments; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 76 would have a negative impact on the funding base for schools, resulting in as much as \$4 billion (\$600 per student) per year below the minimum funding base required by current law; and

WHEREAS, California schools have received \$9.8 billion in cuts and deferrals in the last several years resulting in school closures, increases in class size, layoffs of teachers and support staff, and a shortage of necessary librarians, counselors, nurses, custodians and groundskeepers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the California Live Within Our Means Act (Proposition 76) is unsound public policy, does not solve the ongoing structural problems with the state budget and unfairly affects schools and students and weakens the education funding protections voters say they want; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Larkspur School District strongly opposes Proposition 76 on the November 8 special election ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Larkspur School District Board of Trustees at a meeting held on October 11, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: Blatt, Futterman, Kowalski, Mangan, Weeks

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Kevin W. Mangan, President
Board of Trustees

Michael Futterman, Clerk
Board of Trustees

I, Valerie Pitts, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT at its Meeting of October 11, 2005 which Resolution is on file in the office of this school district.

Date

Valerie Pitts, Secretary to the Board of Trustees