

TOWN OF PARADISE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-03

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S  
PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN  
CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, as part of its 2011-12 budget proposal, the Governor has proposed permanently abolishing California's more than 400 local redevelopment agencies; and

WHEREAS, this proposal represents more of the same misguided and illegal State budget raids of local government funds that voters have repeatedly sought to end, most recently in November 2010 when an overwhelming 61% of voters elected to stop State raids of local government funds, including redevelopment funds; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will bring very little financial benefit to the State. According to the State Controller's Office, redevelopment agencies have more than \$87 billion in bond and other contractual obligations that legally must be repaid before revenues are available to any other purpose. In fact, according to the State Department of Finance's own budget documents, there will be zero State savings in out years from shutting down redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will destroy local economic development, including hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in local economic activity throughout California. In fact, in Paradise, CA, Butte County abolishing redevelopment will destroy a number of much needed capital infrastructure improvement projects for our physically and economically blighted Downtown and RDA Project Area that the Town will never be able to afford to do on its own; not the least of which is the construction of a \$ 16-20 million clustered wastewater treatment system that will allow for major small business expansion and development and additional jobs in our community – a community that is the single largest incorporated city west of the Mississippi River without a sewer system; and

WHEREAS, throughout California, redevelopment activities support 304,000 jobs annually, including 170,600 construction jobs, contribute over \$40 billion annually to California's economy in the generation of goods and services, and generate more than \$2 billion in state and local taxes in a typical year; and

WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will take away one of the few tools local governments have to comply with state requirements to plan for more compact urban development supported by transit-oriented development, housing, jobs and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, eliminating redevelopment will destroy the development of affordable housing in California. Redevelopment agencies are the second largest funder of affordable housing behind only the federal government, responsible for over 98,000 units of affordable housing since 1993; and

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WHEREAS, shutting down redevelopment agencies is a violation of multiple State and Federal constitutional provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Paradise, CA, Butte County formally opposes the Administration's proposal to abolish redevelopment in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Paradise, CA, Butte County authorizes its council and city staff to communicate its opposition to this proposal to the Governor, the Legislature, business groups, and citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Paradise this 8th day of February, 2011 by the following vote:

- AYES: Alan White, Mayor, Steve "Woody" Culleton, Joe DiDuca, Scott Lotter, and Tim Titus.
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- NOT VOTING: None



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ALAN WHITE, MAYOR

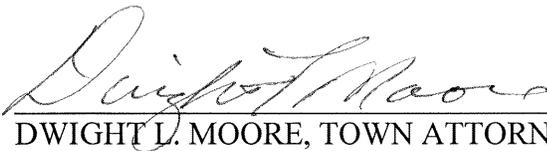
ATTEST:



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JOANNA GUTIERREZ, CMC, TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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DWIGHT L. MOORE, TOWN ATTORNEY