

RESOLUTION NO. 4151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS SUPPORTING THE "FAIR RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1986"

WHEREAS, the present joint and several liability law, also known as the "Deep Pocket Doctrine", has unfairly cost the cities of California millions of dollars in court judgments, settlements, legal costs, skyrocketing insurance premiums and difficulty in obtaining adequate liability insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, this same doctrine has also cost other governmental bodies, business firms and professionals many millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, ultimately this cost is unfairly borne by the taxpayers and consumers of California; and

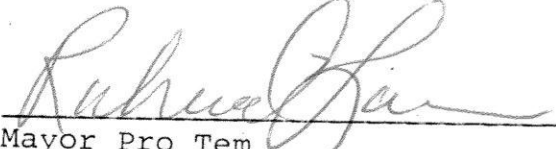
WHEREAS, many cities, other governmental bodies, business firms and professionals are selected as defendants in lawsuits merely because of their perceived assets or insurance and often are found only fractionally at fault but must pay most or all of the judgement because the defendants most at fault cannot pay; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this is unfairly borne by taxpayers and consumers of California; and

WHEREAS, the "Fair Responsibility Act of 1986" is an initiative measure that would give the voters of California an opportunity to reform the inequities and injustices of the "Deep Pocket Doctrine" by holding liability lawsuit defendants financially liable in closer proportion to their degree of fault.

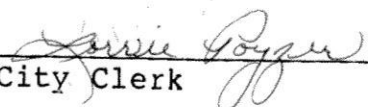
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands endorses the "Fair Responsibility Act of 1986" and urges its support and passage to relieve the financial strain imposed on local government and its taxpayers.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 4th day of February, 1986.



Mayor Pro Tem
City of Redlands, California

ATTEST:



City Clerk