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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

October 8, 2002

Proposition 49 is the After School Education and Safety Program Act which promotes after school programs for more than one million school aged kids that are without needed quality programs to keep them safe and off the streets. Studies show that kids in after school programs stay in school, get higher grades, improve their standardized test scores, dramatically reduce their participation in gangs, reduce their stealing by two-thirds, and reduce violent crime by half.

Proposition 49 will also make State grants available to every public elementary and middle school in California that wants to provide an after school program for its students and Proposition 49 allows each school or school district to design their own after school program, so long as they offer activities like tutoring, homework assistance, educational enrichment, computer training and physical recreation.

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Proposition 49 provides just over \$400 million a year in new money to provide these grants and this money will come from increases in State revenues (not new taxes) beginning in 2004 or later and Proposition 49 will save taxpayers, crime victims and society approximately \$9 for every \$1 invested in after school programs. I believe that Proposition 49 is a sound investment in our kids and our communities.

Proposition 49 has the support of more than 3,000 statewide organizations and individuals throughout California including Republicans and Democrats, educators, law enforcement officials, seniors, taxpayer watchdog groups, community based organizations and the business community.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT:**

The Board of Supervisors officially endorse Proposition 49 and strongly recommend that California voters pass Proposition 49 on Election Day, November 5, 2002.

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