

**CITY OF WALKER
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 14 –316**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPSOAL 1 ON THE AUGUST 5, 2014
BALLOT**

At a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Walker, Michigan, held in the City Commission Chambers at Walker City Hall, 4243 Remembrance Road NW, Walker, Michigan on Monday the 9th of June, 2014, there were

PRESENT: Mayor Huizenga, Commissioners: Parent, Deschaine, Carey, Stek and Howland.

ABSENT: Kent

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Stek and seconded by Commissioner Carey:

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does – and most of those states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation and libraries; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and create more jobs while providing a stable revenue source for local communities; and

WHEREAS, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes; and

WHEREAS, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services and business have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on equipment for years; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot, will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, among others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Walker hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014, ballot.

Upon vote for adoption of said resolution, the vote was:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

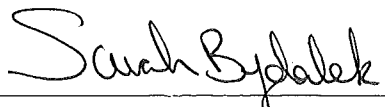
The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Walker, Kent County, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Walker at a regular meeting held this 9th day of June, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, and that the resolution has not been amended or rescinded and that the original of the resolution is on file in the records of the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the official signature of the Clerk and the seal of the City of Walker are hereunto affixed this 9th day of June, 2014.

Dated: June 9, 2014



Sarah J. Bydalek, City Clerk, CMC