

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**  
**Resolution 10-16**

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<b>Introduced By:</b>	<b>Mayor Roy G. Hale</b>
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	<b>August 31, 2010</b>
<b>Date Adopted:</b>	<b>August 31, 2010</b>
<b>Date Effective:</b>	<b>August 31, 2010</b>

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1 **A RESOLUTION** concerning  
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3 **Support for petitioning the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to**  
4 **reinstate State shared revenues.**  
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6 **FOR** the purpose of petitioning the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to  
7 **reinstate State shared revenues diverted from Municipal Governments to fund operations**  
8 **of the State and to provide more diverse revenue raising authority to Municipalities.**  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the State has slashed vital State-shared revenues historically provided to  
11 **Municipal Governments, on average, by more than 75% for this current fiscal year, and by more**  
12 **than 90% for many Municipalities; and**  
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14 **WHEREAS**, future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General  
15 **Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns; and**  
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17 **WHEREAS**, Municipal Governments more than any other Government form in  
18 **Maryland rely on the property tax as their primary general fund revenue source; and**  
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20 **WHEREAS**, increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provisions,  
21 **elimination of local road projects, and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to**  
22 **Municipalities to offset this devastating loss of general fund revenues and Incorporated**  
23 **Municipalities' extremely narrow taxing authority prevents them from raising alternative funds**  
24 **to lost highway user revenues and police aid that have been diverted to balance the State's**  
25 **general fund; and**  
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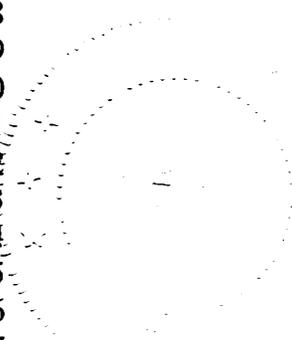
27 **WHEREAS**, this issue is of significant importance to the Town of La Plata, and is  
28 **critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take actions needed to rectify**  
29 **this serious problem; and**  
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31 **WHEREAS**, the Town of La Plata supports the efforts of the Maryland Municipal  
32 **League to reinstate lost State funding for Municipal Governments, and create alternative**  
33 **municipal funding mechanisms;**  
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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN**  
 36 **OF LA PLATA** that the Town of La Plata hereby urges the Administration, for this coming and  
 37 future fiscal years, to submit a budget document to the General Assembly reinstating to  
 38 Municipal Governments full funding for highway user revenues and state aid for police  
 39 protection; and that the Maryland General Assembly enact and, the Governor sign into law  
 40 enabling legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise  
 41 own-source revenues to reduce the reliance of Cities and Towns on the property tax to fund  
 42 municipal government services.

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 44 **ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Council of the Town of La Plata on  
 45 August 31, 2010.

46 **SEAL:**

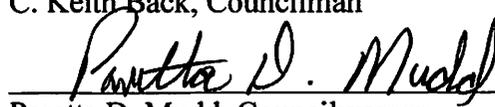


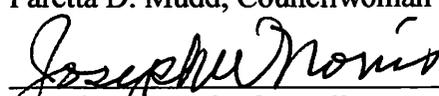
**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**

  
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 Roy G. Hale, Mayor

  
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 C. Keith Back, Councilman

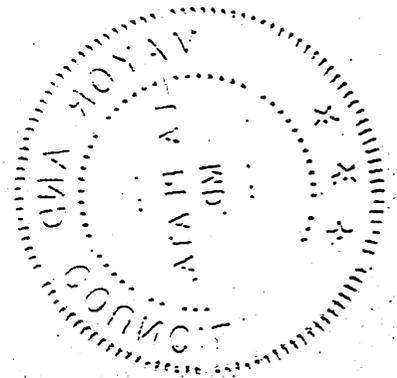
  
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 Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman

  
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 Joseph W. Norris, Councilman

57 **ATTEST:**

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 59 Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk  
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