

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO SUBMIT THREE MEASURES TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER, REQUESTING A CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH ELECTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS BEING HELD ON THE SAME DATE, AND DIRECTING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa wishes to call a Special Election to present to the registered voters of the City three measures, which, if approved, would amend the City Charter to (1) provide for increased compensation for Council members, (2) revise the language of the Charter to reflect the City’s district-based election of Council members, and (3) update and modernize the Charter, which three measures are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Santa Rosa that a Special Election is hereby called on November 8, 2022, at which time three measures, as set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C, shall be submitted to the registered voters of the City of Santa Rosa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Measure 1 shall be presented to the voters in the form of a measure entitled “City of Santa Rosa City Charter Amendment – Increasing Council Compensation” and printed on the ballot as follows:

**Measure \_\_\_ City of Santa Rosa City Charter Amendment – Increasing Council Compensation**

Shall the City of Santa Rosa’s measure to amend the City Charter to increase compensation of the City Council, setting the salary for the Mayor at Sonoma County’s Area Median Income for a three person household (currently \$101,500 annually) and the salary for Council members at two-thirds of Sonoma County’s Area Median Income for a three person household (approximately \$66,990 annually), with annual adjustments to reflect changes in Area Median Income and reductions as provided by ordinance, be adopted?	Yes  _____	No  _____
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The full text of the proposed Measure 1 is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. This Measure will require a majority vote threshold for passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Measure 2 shall be presented to the voters in the form of a measure entitled “City of Santa Rosa City Charter Amendment - District-Based Election of Council Members” and printed on the ballot as follows:

**Measure \_\_\_ City of Santa Rosa City Charter Amendment - District-Based Election of Council Members**

Shall the City of Santa Rosa’s measure to amend Section 4 of the Santa Rosa City Charter to reflect the City’s recent transition to district-based election of Council members be adopted?	Yes  _____	No  _____
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The full text of the proposed Measure 2 is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference. This Measure will require a majority vote threshold for passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Measure 3 shall be presented to the voters in the form of a measure entitled “City of Santa Rosa City Charter Update and Modernization” and printed on the ballot as follows:

**Measure \_\_\_ City of Santa Rosa City Charter Update and Modernization**

Shall the City of Santa Rosa’s measure to update and modernize the language of the Santa Rosa City Charter, including revisions to remove ambiguities, to provide additional flexibility in City operations, and to ensure gender and citizenship equality, be adopted?	Yes  _____	No  _____
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The full text of the proposed Measure 3 is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference. This Measure will require a majority vote threshold for passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further notice of the election in the time, form and manner as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of section 10403 of the Elections Code, the City Council hereby requests of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma that the Special Election, herein called, be consolidated with the Sonoma County Consolidated General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Registrar of Voters of Sonoma County is authorized to do all things necessary and required to notice, hold, and conduct the Special Election and to canvass the returns thereof, and that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the Registrar of Voters of the County to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of this Special Election and its consolidation with other elections to be

held on the same day in the City of Santa Rosa and in accordance with Elections Code section 10411.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Santa Rosa acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Santa Rosa recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by Sonoma County by reason of the holding of this Special Election and its consolidation, as described above, and agrees to reimburse the County for such costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council, in accordance with Elections Code section 9285(b) hereby adopts the provisions of Elections Code section 9285(a) so as to permit rebuttal arguments, as described in Elections Code section 9285(a), on the measure to be placed on the ballot under the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the City Attorney, who shall prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, the County Clerk, and the Registrar of Voters of the County of Sonoma.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

- Exhibit A - Ballot Measure No. 1 (Council Compensation)
- Exhibit B - Ballot Measure No. 2 (District Elections)
- Exhibit C - Ballot Measure No. 3 (Charter Update and Modernization)