

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-123

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, TO SUBMIT A MEASURE TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY ON THE IMPOSITION OF A TEMPORARY ONE-HALF CENT GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX AND REQUESTING A CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH ELECTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS BEING HELD ON THE SAME DATE

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Santa Rosa wishes to call a Special Election to present to the registered voters of the City a measure, which, if approved, would authorize the imposition of a temporary one-half cent general transactions and use tax as set forth in the proposed ordinance, attached hereto as Exhibit A 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 3, 2020, at which time a temporary general tax measure, as set forth in the proposed ordinance, shall be submitted to the registered voters of the City of Santa Rosa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed ordinance shall be presented to the voters in the form of a measure entitled “The City of Santa Rosa Vital City Services Measure” and printed on the ballot as follows:

“Measure ___ The City of Santa Rosa Vital City Services Measure

To continue locally controlled funding, that the state cannot take, and protect city services, including 911 emergency, paramedic and fire response; disaster, wildfire, and pandemic preparedness and response; keep city parks clean and safe; street/pothole repair; senior/youth programs; and other city services, shall Santa Rosa’s measure consolidating and extending existing voter-approved sales taxes without change to the current ½ cent rate for ten years only, providing approximately \$18 million dollars annually, be adopted?”	Yes _____	No _____
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of section 10403 of the Elections Code, the City Council requests that the Special Election, herein called, be consolidated with the Consolidated General Election to be held on November 3, 2020.

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 21st day of July, 2020.

AYES: (7) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dodd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney