

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-163

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO SUBMIT A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY TO UPDATE AND MODERNIZE 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 a ballot measure, which, if approved, would update and modernize the City Charter, including revisions to remove ambiguities, to provide additional flexibility in City operations, and to ensure gender-neutral and citizenship-neutral language throughout, which measure is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa resolves, declares, determines and orders as follows:

1. A Special Election is hereby called on November 8, 2022, at which time the proposed ballot measure, identified as Santa Rosa Measure No. 3 and set forth in full in Exhibit A, shall be submitted to the registered voters of the City of Santa Rosa.
2. 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 neutrality, be adopted?	Yes _____	No _____
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The City Attorney is authorized to make adjustments, if required, to the ballot summary set forth above.

3. In accordance with the provisions of section 10403 of the Elections Code, the City Council hereby requests that the Special Election, herein called, be consolidated with the Sonoma County Consolidated General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.
4. In accordance with the provisions of sections 10002 and 10411 of the Elections Code, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is requested to permit and 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.

5. In accordance with the provisions of sections 10002 and 10411 of the Elections Code, the Registrar of Voters of Sonoma County is hereby authorized to do all things necessary and required to notice, hold, and conduct the Special Election and to canvass the returns thereof.
6. The City of Santa Rosa acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418.
7. 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.
8. The City Council recognizes that, in accordance with Elections Code section 9282, arguments may be filed for and against the measure placed on the ballot under the provisions of this resolution, and it hereby authorizes the Mayor, and/or such other member(s) as the Mayor may authorize, to author and submit an argument in favor of the ballot measure.
9. 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), to be filed in connection with the measure to be placed on the ballot under the provisions of this resolution, and the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, and/or such other member(s) as the Mayor may authorize, to author and submit a rebuttal to any argument filed against the ballot measure.
10. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given herein and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to give further notice of the election in the time, form and manner as required by law.
11. 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.

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12. 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 26th day of July, 2022.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A - Ballot Measure No. 3 (Charter Update and Modernization)