



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: March 3, 2026

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Calling A Special Election On “The SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern, and Accessible Rail and Transit” To Be Held On June 2, 2026; Consolidating The Special Election With The Statewide Direct Primary Election Held On The Same Date**

**Whereas**, on August 25, 2025, proponents of “The SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern and Accessible Rail and Transit” (hereinafter “SMART Initiative”) filed with the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office a notice of intention, the written text of the SMART Initiative, and affidavits from newspaper representatives confirming publication as required by Elections Code section 9304; and

**Whereas**, proponents of the SMART Initiative circulated their petition for signature and on November 21, 2025, the petitions regarding the SMART Initiative were accepted for filing and submitted for signature verification by the Sonoma County Registrars of Voters; and

**Whereas**, on December 18, 2025, after careful examination of the signatures, the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters notified the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (“the District”) that the number of signatures required to place the SMART Initiative on the ballot was sufficient; and

**Whereas**, the District Board of Directors accepted the certificate of sufficiency and, on January 21, 2026, adopted a Resolution requesting the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Sonoma and Marin to call a special election on the SMART Initiative in their respective Counties to be held on June 2, 2026, and to consolidate the special election with the Statewide Direct

Primary Election held on the same date pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 105045; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:**

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby calls a special election on the proposed “SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern, and Accessible Rail and Transit” to be held on June 2, 2026, and orders that this election be consolidated with the Statewide Direct Primary Election occurring on that same date.
2. The SMART Initiative shall be submitted to the voters in the following form:

<p>THE SMART INITIATIVE: SAFE, MODERN, AND ACCESSIBLE RAIL AND TRANSIT</p> <p>Without increasing taxes, continue Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District regional train and bicycle/pedestrian pathway service beyond 2029 to serve residents including seniors, youth, essential workers, and low-income households; relieve traffic congestion; complete planned rail/pathway expansion; increase ridership; preserve community’s historic rail infrastructure investment; maintain clean/safe trains; reduce greenhouse gas emissions, shall the measure extending the ¼ cent, voter-approved, sales tax for 30 years, generating approximately \$51,000,000 annually beginning in 2029, be adopted?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>
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3. The Sonoma County Registrars of Voters is hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to provide and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies, equipment, and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct an election.
4. The Sonoma County Registrars of Voters is hereby further directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions to provide the necessary election officers, polling places, and voting precincts. Arguments for and against the SMART Initiative may be submitted to the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office by March 13, 2026, in

accordance with the deadlines established for the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

5. In accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code, the County Counsel is authorized to prepare an impartial analysis of the SMART Initiative.
6. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 105045, incremental costs of submitting the SMART Initiative to the voters shall be reimbursed by the District.
7. Notice of time and place of holding the election is hereby given, and the Marin and Sonoma County Registrars of Voters are authorized to give further or additional notice of the election as required by law.

**Supervisors:**

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**