



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 6, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Electing Not to List Supporters and Opponents for County, City, District and School Measures
on Future County Ballots**

Whereas, Assembly Bill (AB) 1416 was passed by the State Legislature in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023, adding a requirement for statewide measures that supporters and opponents of measures be listed on the ballot label or that a similar description be provided on the ballot, duplicating information contained in the State Voter Information Guide, which is mailed separately, and creating an unfunded mandate; and

Whereas, California Elections Code § 9170(d) allows a county board of supervisors to elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district, and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots; and

Whereas, adopting a resolution pursuant to Elections Code § 9170(d) and electing to opt out of the requirements of AB 1416 for local measures on county ballots would benefit the voters, county, municipalities and districts by avoiding cost increases for ballot production, proofing and printing, avoiding the need for additional ballot space for each local measure printed on the ballot and by reducing the risk for electioneering and promotion of candidates who may be on the ballot and are also signers of the measure; and

Whereas, the requirement of printing the list of supporters and opponents would also put the Registrar of Voters in the difficult position of having to accept or deny abbreviations of supporters/opponents that may not be clear due to the maximum character limit of 125

characters each, and in turn may result in challenges to perceived unfair determinations.

Whereas, California Elections Code § 9170(d) specifies that the Board shall make such election at least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures; and

Whereas, the next deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures will be August 11, 2023, for the November 7, 2023 UDEL election, and December 8, 2023 for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary election, which are more than 30 days from the date of adoption of this resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors elects not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district, and school measures on the ballot and future county ballots, pursuant to California Election Code Section 9170 (d).

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.