



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: December 7, 2021

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Establishing the Behavioral Health Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee**

**Whereas**, in November 2020, the voters of Sonoma County passed Measure “O” to provide local mental health and addiction services and facilities for children, adults, veterans, seniors and those experiencing homelessness including: permanent supportive housing; crisis assessment; emergency psychiatric care; early detection and intervention; suicide prevention; and opioid and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery, by establishing a countywide quarter-cent sales tax for ten years;

**Whereas**, the Ordinance requires the Board of Supervisors to establish a citizens’ oversight committee (“Committee”) to provide transparency and fiscal accountability of the use of the sales tax revenue;

**Whereas**, the Ordinance requires the Committee to review the receipt and expenditures of the revenue from the sales tax, including the County’s annual independent audit, and produce an annual oral or written report on its review; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance mandates that to preserve the integrity and independence of the oversight process, the Committee’s responsibilities shall not include decision-making on spending priorities, financing plans or tax rate projections or assumptions and the committee shall have no authority to direct, or shall it direct, County or City staff or officials.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors hereby creates and establishes a seven member Committee to be known as the Behavioral Health Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee;

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Committee shall adopt bylaws created with the Department of Health Services, County Administrator’s Office and County Counsel to govern their meetings to ensure compliance with all state law requirements, including transparency laws such as the Brown Act and Public Records Act; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board shall appoint the following Committee members in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Ordinance as follows:

- (a) Two of the Committee members that have been selected by the Sonoma County City Selection Committee on June 10, 2021: Kevin McDonnell and Ben Ford.;

- (b) Additional members shall include a Hospital Representative or first responder, a business community representative, and a community member with lived experience of mental health needs or homelessness;
- (c) Committee members will serve a three year term and are eligible to be reappointed by their appointing body;
- (d) Within ninety (90) days after the appointment of the Committee members, the Committee shall meet and organize by electing a chairperson and vice chairperson and pass bylaws in coordination with the Department of Health Services, County Administrator's Office and County Counsel's Office governing the operations of the Committee in accordance with the Ordinance;
- (e) A Health Program Manager at the Department of Health Services shall be the ex officio secretary of the Commission, shall attend all Committee meetings and shall make reports to the Committee, to the County Administrator and to the Board;
- (f) Committee members shall serve without compensation; and
- (g) Committee members shall prepare an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:	Rabbitt:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

**So Ordered.**