



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Establishing the Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee**

**Whereas**, the County of Sonoma operates and maintains, through its Department of Regional Parks, a variety of immensely valuable and extensively used park, recreation and open space and community facilities and programs in all regions of the County; and

**Whereas**, the County, as well as all nine cities and towns within the County, operate parks and have substantial need for financial resources to maintain and expand those parks; and

**Whereas**, in November 2018, the voters of Sonoma County passed Parks for All Measure “M” to support both county and city parks with an 1/8 cent sales tax as set forth in the Sonoma County Parks Improvement, Water Quality and Fire Safety Measure Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (“Ordinance”); and

**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; and

**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 provides the Committee may provide budget recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and City Councils regarding expenditures from

the sales tax; and

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

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Committee shall coordinate with the Parks Department, County Administrator's Office and County Counsel to prepare bylaws 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) 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 Regional Parks Department, County Administrator's Office and County Counsel's Office governing the operations of the Committee in accordance with the Ordinance;
- (b) Each Committee member shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed during the Committee's term at the will of the Board, or, automatically, at such time as the appointing Board member leaves office;
- (c) The Deputy Director of Regional Parks 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;
- (d) Committee members shall serve without compensation;
- (e) Committee members shall prepare an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:                      Zane:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:                      Rabbitt:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**