



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 30, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☒ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Calling a Special Election to Submit to the Voters of the West County Transient Occupancy Tax Area a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Section 12-11 of the Sonoma County Code to Establish the West County Transient Occupancy Tax Area and to Impose an Additional Transient Occupancy Tax Rate of Four (4) Percent in the Area, and Ordering that the Special Election be Consolidated with the Special Election to be Conducted on March 2, 2021

Whereas, Section 7280 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to levy a tax on the privilege of occupying a room or rooms, or other living space, in a hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging located within the unincorporated area of the County, unless the occupancy is for a period of more than 30 days; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 9140 of the California Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors may submit to the voters, without petition, a measure relating to the enactment of any ordinance; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors has determined it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to submit to the electorate of the West County Transient Occupancy Tax Area an amendment to Section 12-11 of the Sonoma County Code to establish the West County Transient Occupancy Tax Area and to impose an additional transient occupancy tax of four (4) percent in that area.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

3. The measure shall be submitted to the voters in the following form:

<p>To address tourism impacts on West County communities and paid only by guests, shall the measure be adopted to increase the transient occupancy tax in West County by 4% for hotels and short-term rentals, to support sustainable paramedic emergency medical and rescue services provided by local fire agencies, and to support West County schools and education, raising approximately \$2.7 million annually, with all funds exclusively used for West County, effective until amended/repealed?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
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5. The County Clerk 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.

6. The County Clerk is hereby further directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions to provide the necessary election officers, polling places, and voting precincts.

7. In accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code, the County Counsel is authorized to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure.

8. The polls for said election shall be open during the hours required by law and said election, with respect to the foregoing ballot measure, shall be held and conducted as provided by law for the holding of County initiative elections.

9. Notice of time and place of holding said election, together with any other notices required by law, shall be given by the County Clerk.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.

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Exhibit A