

**CITY OF SAN MATEO
RESOLUTION NO. 81 (2015)**

**ORDERING AND CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE
CITY OF SAN MATEO ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015, SUBMITTING TO THE
VOTERS A MEASURE TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE ONE-QUARTER CENT
TRANSACTION AND USE TAX**

WHEREAS, San Mateo is a City with excellent quality of life services that maintain our unique community character; and

WHEREAS, two recently commissioned independent surveys in the City of San Mateo show residents are highly satisfied with San Mateo's quality of life and want quality of life services to continue to be addressed in a significant manner; and

WHEREAS, the economic recession, declining revenues and historical State takeaways - over \$50 Million dollars from San Mateo over the last 25 years - have affected San Mateo's ability to consistently maintain essential city services; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo has over \$360 million in unfunded needs, affecting the City's ability to maintain and improve city streets, sidewalks and potholes, among other infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, continuing locally controlled funding with no increase in tax rate will give San Mateo local control over local funds for local needs, without fear of such funds being taken by the State, and

WHEREAS, continuing locally-controlled funding at the same tax rate would permit our City to continue to address the community's priorities including maintaining emergency medical and fire protection services; after school, anti-gang and recreation programs that keep youth and teens out of trouble and away from drugs and gangs, and maintaining and repairing potholes and failed streets that have fallen into disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the proposed measure includes a Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor expenditures so that all funds are used for City of San Mateo services and facilities only; and

WHEREAS, the proposed measure insures that residents, businesses, and visitors from outside San Mateo will continue to pay their fair share toward community services; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2015, the San Mateo City Council adopted Resolution No. 58 (2015), calling for General Municipal Election for November 3, 2015, and Resolution No. 57 (2015) calling for this election to be conducted wholly by mail; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo City Council has determined to place on the ballot a measure to extend the expiration date of an existing one-quarter cent transaction and use tax for thirty years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council approves the proposed ordinance set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated in this Resolution by this reference, for submission to the voters of the City, and orders that a proposition shall appear on the ballot in the following form and shall be submitted to the voters of the City:

Ballot
question
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"To continue locally controlled funding to maintain services and improve infrastructure, // including: police patrols and gang prevention; street, sidewalk and pothole repair; 9-1-1 response / 5 times and emergency medical services, fire prevention; senior, teen and children's programs; / 2 parks, paths and playfields, library hours; and other city services; shall San Mateo extend the / 4 existing voter-approved quarter-cent sales tax for 30 years, without increasing current tax rates, ~~13~~ 14 with citizen oversight of how proceeds are spent?" 8

2. All persons qualified to vote at municipal elections in the City upon the date of the election herein provided for shall be qualified to vote upon the proposition submitted at the election.

3. Ballots for the election shall be provided in the form and in the number provided by law. On the ballots, in addition to any other printed matter which may be required by law, two voting squares shall be set off to the right of each of the propositions submitted at the election, in the manner provided by law, one having the word "YES" printed before it, and the other having the word "NO" before it.

4. Each voter to vote for the proposition shall stamp or write a cross, or indicate by hole punch or other means, in the blank space opposite the word "YES" on the ballot to the right of the proposition; and each voter to vote against the proposition shall stamp or write a cross, or indicate by hole punch or other means, in the blank space opposite the word "NO" on the ballot to the right of the proposition.

5. The City Clerk is directed to forward the proposed measure to the City Attorney for preparation of an impartial analysis in accordance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code.

6. Arguments for and against the proposition may be submitted to the qualified voters of the City in accordance with sections 9282 through 9287 of the California Elections Code. The deadline date for submitting ballot arguments for or against the proposition shall be set by the City Clerk. Proposed arguments shall not exceed 300 words and shall be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk. The deadline for submitting rebuttal arguments shall be set by the City Clerk. Proposed rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and shall be submitted to the office of the City Clerk. The provisions of Section 9285(a) of the California Elections Code shall apply to the submittal of rebuttal arguments.

7. The City Council authorizes members of that body collectively or individually, or any San Mateo voter or association of San Mateo residents, to file written arguments in favor or against the proposition, and to change the argument until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk after which no arguments for or against the proposition may be submitted to the City Clerk. Any argument filed for or against said proposition not exceeding 300 words shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if filed on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

8 The polls for said election shall be opened at seven o'clock A.M. of the day of said election and shall remain open continuously from said time until eight o'clock P.M. of the same day, when said polls shall be closed, except as provided in Section 14401 of the Election Code of the State of California.

9. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make said publication and to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the appropriate officials of the County of San Mateo responsible for preparing the ballots for said election.

10. The City and other City officers are directed to do all things necessary to meet the requirements of law for the November 3, 2015, municipal election.

RESOLUTION NO. 81 (2015) adopted by the City Council of the City of San Mateo, California, at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2015, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: Council Members Freschet, Matthews, Bonilla, Goethals and Lim
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

(SEAL) /s/ PATRICE M. OLDS
Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk

/s/ MAUREEN FRESCHET
Maureen Freschet, Mayor

