RESOLUTION NO. 70-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA,
SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) AND
DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL
ANALYSIS REGARDING THE MORRO BAY GENERAL
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX MEASURE, SUBMITTED AT THE
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Morro Bay, California, on November 3, 2020, at which there will be submitted to the voters a ballot measure to consider adopting a proposed ordinance that increases the City's transactions and use tax rate from .5% to 1.5% ("Sales Tax Measure"), and the City Council has approved the Ordinance establishing the Sales Tax Measure and approved the submission thereof to the voters at the November 3, 2020, general municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.   Pursuant to, and consistent with, Election Code Sections 9282, the City Council hereby affirms written arguments for, and against, the Sales Tax Measure may be submitted to the duly appointed elections official for the City of Morro Bay.

Section 2.   In the event that more than one argument for or against the Sales Tax Measure is timely submitted, the City's duly appointed elections official shall give preference and priority for selection, in the order set forth in California Elections Code Section 9287, being first to arguments submitted by a member of the City Council, as authorized by the City Council, second to the individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure, third to bona fide associations of citizens, and fourth to individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

Section 3.   In accordance with the requirements of Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 4 of the California Elections Code, all written arguments for or against the foregoing measure: (1) shall not exceed three hundred (300) words in length; (2) shall be filed with the City's designated elections official; (3) shall be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of the principal officers who is the author of the argument; and (4) shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code Section 9600. **All written arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City's designated elections**

official, being the close of business on <u>Tuesday, July 28, 2020</u>, after which time no arguments for or against the foregoing measure may be submitted to the elections official.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs the City's designated elections official to transmit a copy of the Sales Tax Measure to the City Attorney. In accordance with California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the Sales Tax Measure ("Impartial Analysis"), not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the Sales Tax Measure on the existing law and the operation of the Sales Tax Measure. The analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the Sales Tax Measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the governing body of the City. In the event the entire text of the Sales Tax Measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure ____. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (insert telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City's designated elections official for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 5. The City's designated elections official shall cause the City Attorney's Impartial Analysis, and duly selected arguments, to be printed and distributed to voters in accordance with State law regarding same.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council, City of Morro Bay at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14ᵗʰ day of July 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Headding, Addis, Davis, Heller, McPherson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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JOHN HEADDING
Mayor

ATTEST:

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DANA SWANSON
City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA   )
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO) SS:
CITY OF MORRO BAY   )

I, Dana Swanson, City Clerk of the City of Morro Bay, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 70-20 was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, at a regular meeting of said Council held on July 14, 2020, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Dana Swanson
City Clerk