

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION AND ORDERING THE
SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY A
MEASURE PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A COUNTYWIDE
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX AND ORDERING CONSOLIDATION OF THE
ELECTION ON THE TAX ORDINANCE WITH THE CONSOLIDATED GENERAL
ELECTION CALLED FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County provides important public services to its residents, such as health care at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and community health centers, fire-emergency response, crucial safety-net services, early childhood programs, services to protect vulnerable populations, and other essential County services.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for increased funding to continue providing critical County services and the difficulty of funding these services with revenues now available.

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County can better meet the needs of its population with an additional local source of revenue to fund essential County services.

WHEREAS, a half-cent (one-half of one percent) Countywide general transactions and use tax (sales tax) would generate an estimated \$81 million annually for 20 years.

WHEREAS, Revenue and Taxation Code section 7299.2 authorizes Contra Costa County to impose by ordinance a transactions and use tax for general purposes to support Countywide programs at a rate of no more than 0.5 percent, provided the ordinance proposing the tax is submitted to the electorate and is approved by the voters voting on the ordinance pursuant to Article XIII C of the California Constitution.

WHEREAS, Article XIII C provides that a local government may impose a general tax after the tax is submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to place a half-cent (one-half of one percent) Countywide general transactions and use tax (sales tax) on the ballot at the statewide general election on November 3, 2020, and consolidate the election on the sales tax measure with other elections to be held on that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors resolves as follows:

1. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9140 and Government Code section 53724, the Board of Supervisors hereby calls and orders an election for the purpose of submitting Ordinance No. 2020-22, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the qualified electors of the County, with the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
2. The Board of Supervisors consents to the consolidation of the election on Ordinance No. 2020-22 with the statewide general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
3. A ballot measure in substantially the following form shall be included on the ballot, in addition to any other matters required by law to be on the ballot:

To keep Contra Costa’s regional hospital open and staffed; fund community health centers; provide timely fire and emergency response; support crucial safety-net services; invest in early childhood services; protect vulnerable populations; and for other essential county services, shall the Contra Costa County measure levying a ½ cent sales tax, exempting food sales, providing an estimated \$81,000,000 annually for 20 years that the State cannot take, requiring fiscal accountability, with funds benefitting County residents, be adopted?	YES
	NO

The proposed measure is a general tax and shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of at least a majority of the voters voting on the question at the election. A “yes” vote is a vote to approve the measure. A “no” vote is a vote to reject the measure.

4. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9119, the full text of Ordinance No. 2020-22 shall be printed in the voter pamphlet.
5. The Elections Office and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary under law to prepare for and conduct the general election and appropriate all monies necessary for the Elections Office and County Administrator to prepare and conduct the general election in a manner consistent with state and local laws.
6. The Elections Office is directed and authorized to certify the results of the election on the measure to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.