

## Contra Costa Taxpayers Association

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August 20, 2020

To All members of the Board of Supervisors.

Re: Agenda Item D.1 on BOS Special Meeting August 21, 2020

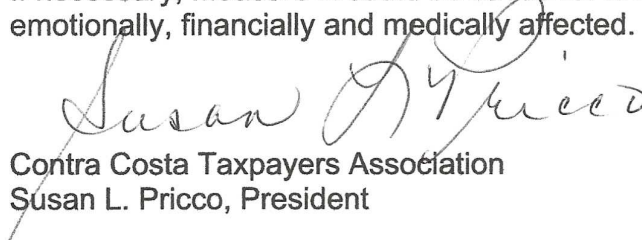
We strongly oppose adopting Ordinance 2020-23. The actions of the Board effectively have placed "the cart in front of the horse" in moving forward with Measure X, as evidenced by this planned "special meeting".

Supervisor Mitchoff, in early August, had stated that if there was no passage of SB 1349 by August 21, that she would not support the Measure. This bill has not passed and it is not being heard August 21. Requesting an extension to August 31, 2020 does not give assurance of passage and chaptering.

To quote the correspondence of August 17, 2020 from the Registrar of Elections to the Board: *"The total increased cost to the elections budget if the full text and the required pages were all published in the VIG is estimated to be \$547,700"*. The Assistant County Administrator has previously indicated that figure to be the low end of the estimate.

This amount should not be risked on handshakes, verbal assurances and personal expectations. The COVID-19 pandemic should have taught us all that lesson.

If necessary, Measure X could be saved for another time, not when so many have been emotionally, financially and medically affected.

  
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