



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Date: May 21, 2019

Subject: HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL TAX ORDINANCE AND
AUTHORIZE ELECTION TO OBTAIN VOTER APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. OPEN a hearing on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-13, authorizing the levy of an increased special tax for police protection services in County Service Area (CSA) P-2 Zone A (Zone A), in the unincorporated area of Blackhawk, and Resolution No. 2019/147, directing the ordinance to be presented to the CSA P-2 Zone A voters for approval in an August 27, 2019, mail-ballot election; CONSIDER oral and written comments received; and CLOSE the hearing.
2. ADOPT Ordinance No. 2019-13.
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 2019/147.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The approximate \$10,000 cost of the election will be paid from ad valorem property tax revenues previously allocated to Zone A. If approved by the voters, the parcel tax is expected to generate approximately \$381,000 annually in additional revenue to support extended police protection services in the defined area.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/21/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 21, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Jami Napier, Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

The CSA P-2 Zone A Blackhawk Police Advisory Committee (Committee) has proposed a special tax measure be submitted to the voters of Zone A. The purpose of the tax is to generate additional revenue for police protection services within the Zone. Currently, Zone A reserve funds are being used to supplement approximately \$720,000 in annual special tax revenues to pay for three (3) resident deputy sheriffs and one (1) resident sheriff lieutenant. The Committee determined that additional tax revenue is needed to continue funding the existing level of service.

Under proposed Ordinance No. 2019-13 (“Ordinance”), beginning in fiscal year 2020-2021, special taxes levied in the Zone for police protection would be increased to \$380 per parcel for residential properties (single, small multiple and large multiple), \$3,040 per parcel for commercial/industrial/institutional properties and \$13,300 per parcel for commercial/theater parcels. The current tax rates are \$280, \$1,680 and \$8,400, respectively.

In addition to raising the tax rate for commercial/industrial/institutional parcels, the Ordinance would redefine this category of parcels to include 33 golf course parcels owned by the Blackhawk Country Club, which are currently exempt from the Zone A police protection special tax. Collectively, the taxes on these parcels would total \$100,320. This category would also include condominiums and cooperatives used for commercial or industrial purposes, which are currently taxed at the residential rate. The Ordinance also includes administrative changes.

If adopted by the Board, Ordinance No. 2019-13 would become effective only if it is presented to the voters of the Zone at an election, and receives the approval of two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure. Resolution No. 2019/147 would direct Ordinance No. 2019-13 to be presented to the CSA P-2 Zone A voters for approval in the August 27, 2019, mail ballot election, and provides appropriate ballot language. The resolution also directs the County Clerk, Elections Division, to conduct the election.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not take the recommended actions before the May 31, 2019, deadline to place measures on the August 27, 2019, mail ballot, the proposed tax measure could not be submitted to CSA P-2 Zone A voters for consideration on August 27, 2019.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Public speakers: AJ Fernandes, Jeff Dukruil, Scott Batiste, Ron Banducci, Rick Marz, Henry Schultzel. (letters attached)

Opened a hearing on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-13, authorizing the levy of an increased special tax for police protection services in County Service Area (CSA) P-2 Zone A (Zone A), in the unincorporated area of Blackhawk, and Resolution No. 2019/147, directing the ordinance to be presented to the CSA P-2 Zone A voters for approval in an August 27, 2019, mail-ballot election; considered oral and written

comments received; and closed the hearing.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-13 and Resolution 2019/147.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019/147

Ord. 2019-13