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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE)
STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024)
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF) RESOLUTION
FRESNO COUNTY AN INITIATIVE MEASURE CREATING A NEW)
COUNTYWIDE RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX)

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2023, Proponents submitted to the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters a citizens initiative petition ("Petition") signed by not less than 10% of the entire vote cast in the County of Fresno for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election preceding the publication of the Proponents' Notice of Intention to Circulate a Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Petition proposes the Ordinance, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to create a new retail transactions and use tax to be spent for the purposes specified in the Ordinance to benefit the California State University, Fresno ("Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2023, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9115, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters completed a random sample signature verification of the Petition, finding that the Petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified voters to declare the Petition sufficient; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9115, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters certified the results of the examination of the Petition to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1405 and 9118, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors shall submit the Ordinance, without alteration, to the voters in the next statewide election; and

1 WHEREAS, a Statewide Primary Election will be held on March 5, 2024; and

2 WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 10400 *et seq.*, the Fresno County
3 Board of Supervisors seeks consolidation of the countywide election on the measure relating to
4 the proposed Ordinance with the March 5, 2024 Statewide Primary Election; and

5 WHEREAS, under Elections Code Sections 10400 *et seq.*, the Fresno County Board of
6 Supervisors has the power and authority to order the consolidation of local elections with the
7 Statewide General Election; and

8 WHEREAS, the Proponents have requested that the measure be designated "Measure
9 E"; and

10 WHEREAS, approval of a majority of the electors voting upon the measure is required for
11 passage of the measure.

12 NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

13 1. This Board hereby calls, orders, and proclaims a countywide election at which the
14 measure relating to the proposed Ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified
15 voters of the County of Fresno pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1405 and
16 9118.

17 2. This Board approves the election for this measure to be consolidated with the
18 March 5, 2024 Statewide Primary Election pursuant to Elections Code Sections
19 10400 *et seq.* and acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and
20 conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code Section 10418.

21 3. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters shall take any and all necessary
22 steps for the holding of the consolidated election.

23 4. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is designated as the elections
24 official for the election, and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
25 authorizes and directs the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters to provide all
26 notices and take all other actions necessary to holding the aforementioned
27 election, including, but not limited to, providing notices of times within which
28 arguments for and against are submitted, and printing the full text of the measure in

1 its entirety as indicated in the attached Exhibit 1 in the County of Fresno Voter
2 Information Guide.

3 5. The measure shall be designated on the ballot by a letter, as provided in
4 Elections Code Section 13116. Based on the Proponents' request, the Fresno
5 County Board of Supervisors requests that the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of
6 Voters designate the ballot measure as Measure "E".

7 6. The ballot question hereby approved for said election shall read as follows:

8 **California State University, Fresno Facility and Academic Program**

9 **Improvement Initiative Measure.** Shall the measure expanding access in

10 nursing, agriculture, criminology, science, engineering, other fields;

11 repairing/upgrading campus facilities; providing safe drinking water; making

12 campus more accessible for people with disabilities; providing scholarships for

13 local students, veterans, by establishing a countywide $\frac{1}{4}\%$ sales tax, except in

14 jurisdictions where the tax exceeds the combined rate limit, providing

15 approximately \$63,000,000 annually for 25 years with audits, public spending

16 disclosure, be adopted?

17 7. Arguments in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure and rebuttal arguments
18 shall be permitted. The County of Fresno hereby adopts the provisions of Elections
19 Code Section 9161 through 9167 regarding the acceptance of arguments relating to
20 ballot measures. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters shall fix the dates for
21 submittal of arguments and rebuttals as provided for in the Elections Code.

22 8. The Fresno County Counsel is directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot
23 measure, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9160(b).

24 9. This Resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

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1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 24th day of October, 2023, to wit:

3 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

4 NOES: None

5 ABSENT: None

6 ABSTAINED: None

7 Sal Quintero, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of
8 the County of Fresno

9 **ATTEST:**
10 Bernice E. Seidel
11 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
12 County of Fresno, State of California

13 By: _____
14 Deputy

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