



County Voter Information Guide & Sample Ballot

Presidential General Election November 5, 2024

Please review this Voter Information Guide for details on the Election and voting options.

IMPORTANT: POLLING PLACES WILL ONLY BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY

Please see back cover for your assigned polling place if you are unable to vote by mail, prefer to vote at your polling place, or require assistance.

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING AND CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

For additional information on what is considered electioneering or corrupting the voting process, please visit our website at sbcvote.com.

County Elections Division Offices

Main telephone number: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683)

Website: sbcvote.com

SANTA BARBARA AREA

4440-A Calle Real

Office Hours (Beginning October 7, 2024): 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri., except holidays

LOMPOC AREA

401 E. Cypress Ave, Room 102

Office Hours (Beginning October 31, 2024): 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Mon. – Fri., except holidays

SANTA MARIA AREA

511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 134

Office Hours (Beginning October 7, 2024): 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri., except holidays

All locations will be open:

November 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mailing Address:

County of Santa Barbara Elections Division

PO Box 61510

Santa Barbara, CA 93160-1510

Important Dates to Remember

October 7 - October 29, 2024	Vote by Mail ballots mailed to ALL eligible voters.
October 7 - November 5, 2024	Voting at County Election Division offices. See hours and locations above.
October 21, 2024	Close of Registration, register at registertovote.ca.gov .
October 22 - November 5, 2024	Conditional Voter Registration Period, also known as Same Day Voter Registration.
October 29, 2024	Deadline to request a replacement Vote by Mail ballot or Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) ballot be sent to you.
October 29, 2024	Suggested last day to mail your voted ballot.
November 5, 2024	Election Day, Polls and County Election Division offices open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Important Election Information

All voters will receive a Vote by Mail ballot for this Election. Please review the information provided with your ballot and return envelope for instructions on how to properly mark and return your ballot.

Official ballots will begin mailing by October 7, 2024. If you do not receive your Vote by Mail ballot by Monday, October 14, 2024, contact our office or check your ballot status at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.



How to Vote by Mail

All voters will receive a Vote by Mail ballot for the **November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election**.

The County of Santa Barbara Elections Division will send voters Vote by Mail ballots, in envelopes similar to the one pictured to the right, by **October 7, 2024**.



VOTING BY MAIL IS EASY



MARK IT.

Follow the instructions on the ballot and mark your choices.



SEAL IT.

Insert your voted ballot in the return envelope provided and seal it.



SIGN IT.

Make sure the signature on your return envelope matches the one on your driver's license/state ID or the one you provided when registering, and complete all required information on your return envelope.



RETURN IT.

You may return your voted ballot by mail or in person by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on **Election Day, November 5, 2024**.

By mail: Make sure your ballot is **postmarked** by Election Day. No stamp required. Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day are considered timely if received by **November 12, 2024**.

In person: Return your ballot to any county elections office, official ballot drop box or polling place within the state by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

This guide contains a list of official ballot drop box locations and information for the County of Santa Barbara. County Elections Division office locations and business hours may be found on the inside cover of this guide.



TRACK IT.

Sign up at **wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov** to receive status alerts by text (SMS), email or voice call notifications to confirm the County Elections Division has received your ballot.



Official Ballot Drop Boxes

Official ballot drop boxes will be available 24 hours a day (unless otherwise noted) **October 7, 2024**, until **November 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.**

Drive-Up **D** | Walk-Up **W**

Area	Ballot Drop Box	Address	
Buellton	Buellton City Hall	107 W. Highway 246	D, W
Carpinteria	Carpinteria City Hall	5775 Carpinteria Ave.	D, W
	Casa De Las Flores	4090 Via Real	W
Goleta	Goleta City Hall	130 Cremona Dr.	W
	Goleta Valley Community Center	5679 Hollister Ave.	D, W
Guadalupe	Guadalupe City Hall	918 Obispo St.	W
Isla Vista/UCSB	UCSB Student Resource Building	UCSB Campus	W
Lompoc	Lompoc City Hall (Near utility payment drop box)	100 Civic Center Plaza	D, W
	Lompoc Public Library	501 E. North Ave.	W
	COSB Department of Social Services/Public Health	1100 West Laurel Ave.	W
	Vandenberg Village Library	3755 Constellation Rd.	D
Los Alamos	Los Alamos Branch Library	405 Helena St.	W
Montecito	Manning Park (Area 9 – Parking lot off Santa Rosa Ln.)	449 San Ysidro Rd.	D
New Cuyama	Cuyama Valley Rec. District (Montgomery Hall Bldg.)	4885 Primero St.	W
Orcutt	Oak Knolls Shopping Center (Parking lot by State Farm)	1103 E. Clark Ave.	W
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara City Hall	735 Anacapa St.	W
	COSB Administration Building (Anacapa St. entrance)	105 E. Anapamu St.	W
	COSB Elections Division Main Office	4440-A Calle Real	D, W
	Eastside Branch Library	1102 E. Montecito St.	W
	MacKenzie Park (Lower parking lot., sunrise to sunset)	3111 State St.	D, W
	San Andres Hardware	635 W. Micheltorena St.	W
	Santa Barbara City College (West Campus drop-off entrance)	721 Cliff Dr.	D
Santa Maria	Atkinson Park Community Center	1000 N. Railroad Ave.	W
	Allan Hancock Community College (Off Bradley Rd., Parking Lot 3)	800 S. College Drive	W
	COSB Santa Maria Elections Division Branch Office	511 E. Lakeside Pkwy	D, W
	Minami Community Center	600 W. Enos Dr.	W
	Santa Maria Animal Center	548 W. Foster Rd.	W
	Santa Maria Public Library (City Library parking garage)	421 S. McClelland St.	D, W
Santa Ynez	Stuart C. Gildred Family YMCA	900 N. Refugio Rd.	W
Solvang	Solvang Veterans Memorial Building	1745 Mission Dr.	D

 **Locations may change due to unforeseen circumstances. For the most current list of official ballot drop boxes visit sbcvote.com.**



Accessible Voting

Language Assistance. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff is available at County Elections Division offices and polling places. Assistance for additional languages is available using an interpreter service.

Election Materials in Other Formats. Audio CDs and large print versions of the information printed in this guide and the State Voter Information Guide are available upon request. To request an audio or large print copy of this guide, return the application located on the back of this guide, or contact the County Elections Division at 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) System. The RAVBM system allows a voter to independently download, mark, and print their ballot on their own computer using their personal assistive technology. A voter may use the return envelope that came with their Vote by Mail ballot packet or their own envelope to return their voted ballot and signed declaration.

RAVBM ballots can be returned in the same way as all other Vote by Mail ballots and have the same return deadline.

To request a RAVBM ballot, please email votebymail2@countyofsb.org or call 1-800-722-8683. For more information refer to the “Remote Accessible Vote by Mail” page in this guide or visit the “Remote Accessible Vote by Mail” webpage at sbcvote.com.

Curbside Voting. Curbside voting is available at all County Elections Division offices and polling places for voters unable to come into their designated voting location. To use curbside voting, voters can:

- Call 1-800-722-8683 in advance to request curbside voting at one of the County Elections Division offices or their polling place; or
- Follow the curbside voting signs to the designated parking space and call 1-800-722-8683 once they arrive at the polling place.

Accessible Voting System. All County Elections Division offices and polling places have at least one (1) ImageCast X® (ICX) ballot marking device with ballots available in English and Spanish. The ImageCast X® (ICX) ballot marking device provides:

- an audio option that reads the ballot in both languages through provided headphones;
- a universal plug for personal assistive technology; and
- large print and black/white contrast viewing options.

Other Aides Available Upon Request. Easy grip pens and magnifiers are available upon request at all County Elections Division offices and polling places.

Personal Assistance Marking Your Ballot. Voters have the right to get help casting their ballot from anyone they choose, except from their employer or union representative. Voters may bring up to two (2) people to their polling place to assist them while voting.



Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

The RAVBM system gives voters the ability to read and mark their ballot privately and independently on their personal devices. Any active voter can request and receive access to the RAVBM system.

The RAVBM system allows you to:

- ✓ Mark your selections and review them prior to downloading and printing your voted ballot.
- ✓ Use your own assistive technology devices to read and mark your ballot.
- ✓ Select English or Spanish language.
- ✓ Change the screen contrast and font size for your ballot.

RAVBM is not “internet voting.” **You cannot submit your selections online. You must print and return your marked ballot by mail or in person.**

How to vote with RAVBM:

1. Request an RAVBM ballot access link. Submit your request:

- **Online:** Complete an electronic request online at sbcvote.com/RAVBM or when you review your voter information on My Voter Status webpage at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov, or
- **Via Email:** Email your request to votebymail2@countyofsb.org, or
- **By Phone:** Contact the County Elections Division at (805) 568-2200 or 1-800-722-8683.



RAVBM requests will be accepted through October 29, 2024.

2. Mark your ballot

Use the access link to open your ballot. Mark the ballot on your own computer, with your own assistive technology, if needed.


3. Review and print your ballot


Review your ballot choices and make any corrections. Download and print your ballot.


4. Seal and sign your ballot return envelope

Place your RAVBM ballot in the identification return envelope you received in the mail with your official ballot. Only vote and return one ballot, either the one mailed to you or the RAVBM ballot. It is a crime to vote twice. Sign the voter’s declaration (punched holes tell you where to sign). Seal the envelope. If you misplaced the official return envelope, please email votebymail2@countyofsb.org or call 1-800-722-8683 to request a new envelope.

5. Return your ballot:

 By mail. Must be **postmarked** by Election Day, November 5, 2024, and received in our office by **November 12, 2024**.

 At any official ballot drop box in California. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day, November 5, 2024.

 At any in-person voting location or any county elections office in California. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day, November 5, 2024.



How to Vote at the Polls

Find your polling place on the back cover of this guide, visit our *Upcoming Elections & Events* webpage at **sbcvote.com**, or call the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division at 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683). If no polling place is assigned, this means your registered address is in a mail ballot precinct.



Look near the wheelchair symbol on the back cover of this guide to determine if your polling place is accessible to voters with specific needs. Curbside voting is also available at all County Elections Division offices and polling places.

What do I do to vote at my Polling Place?

- Take the Vote by Mail ballot you received in the mail to your polling place and give it to the Check-In Clerk.
- Provide your name and address to the Check-In Clerk and let them know if you will need assistance marking your ballot.
- Verify your information and sign on the Electronic Poll Book Tablet. You will receive a ballot issue ticket.
- Take your ballot issue ticket to the Ballot Issue Clerk to get your ballot. Please make sure your ballot matches the Sample Ballot in this guide.
- Vote your ballot at one of the voting booths.
- Deposit your voted ballot into the ballot bag.

What to do if...

You do not have your Vote by Mail ballot to turn in to the Check-In Clerk and want to vote at your polling place:

- If the Check-In Clerk can confirm that you have not voted in the election, then you may be issued a poll ballot to vote. If the Check-In Clerk is unable to confirm that you have not already voted in the election, you will be issued a Provisional Ballot to vote. Your Provisional Ballot will be counted once it is confirmed you have not already voted in the election.

You changed your name and did not re-register:

- Let the Check-In Clerk know. They will give you a new voter registration card to complete.
- You will need to sign your new and old name on the Electronic Poll Book Tablet.

You are at the wrong polling place or you are listed at a different address:

- If you have a new address, the Check-In Clerk will give you a form to complete to update your address.
- If you are at the wrong polling place, you have the following options:
 - Go to your correct polling place; or
 - Vote using an ImageCast® X (ICX) ballot marking device for your precinct's ballot; or
 - Vote a Provisional Ballot from the available poll ballots at the polling place. In this case, only the contests you are eligible to vote on will be counted.

You need assistance marking your ballot:

- You may ask to use the ImageCast® X (ICX) ballot marking device to vote independently.
- You are allowed to bring up to two (2) people to assist you with marking your ballot.
 - Assistance CANNOT be provided by your employer or an officer or agent of a union you are a member of.
- Tell the Check-In Clerk that you need assistance voting your ballot. An Election Officer is able to assist if needed.
- You and your assistant(s) will be asked to complete an Assisted Voter Form.



Important Registration Information

Eligibility to register to vote

To register to vote in California a person must be:

- ✓ a United States citizen and resident of California,
- ✓ 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- ✓ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- ✓ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

A person may pre-register to vote if that person is at least 16 years of age and meets all the other eligibility requirements. Pre-registrants are automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday.

Re-register to vote

If you have moved,
If you have changed your name,
If you want to change your political party preference, or
If your mailing address has changed.

You may re-register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov or request a paper voter registration application from the County Elections Division by calling 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683), or emailing voterreg@countyofsb.org.

Deadline to register or re-register to vote

The last day to register to vote for the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election is **October 21, 2024**.

Conditional Voter Registration

Voters who miss the deadline to register or re-register to vote may visit one of the County Elections Division offices between October 22, 2024, and November 5, 2024, or go to their polling place on Election Day to “conditionally” register and vote.



If visiting a polling place on Election Day, use the polling place look up tool at sbcvote.com or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683) to locate your polling place.

If you are a military or overseas voter or a voter with disabilities, contact the County Elections Division to learn about conditional voter registration and voting options that are available to you.

Phone: 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683) Email: votebymail2@countyofsb.org.

Requirements for First Time Federal Voters

Any person voting for the first time who registers by mail and does not provide their California driver's license, California identification number, or last four digits of their Social Security number, will be asked to show a form of identification when they go to the polls, or must provide a copy of that identification with their Vote by Mail ballot. First Time Federal Voters who fail to provide identification when voting, may result in their ballot not being counted. There are 30 forms of identification that can be used for this purpose under the Help America Vote Act of 2002, including a government issued check or a utility bill that includes the person's name and address.

For a full list of the forms of identification that can be used, visit the Secretary of State's website at: sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards



Language Assistance/Asistencia con el idioma

In this year's elections, some polling places will have translated sample ballots that voters can use as a reference when voting. The polling places that will have them are determined by the Secretary of State. To find out if your polling place will have a translated sample ballot, or to request to have one sent to you before Election Day, please visit our website or call our office. Requests must be received no later than 7 days before Election Day.

If you need assistance when voting, you may bring up to two people with you to your polling place, as long as they are not representatives of your employer or your union. Bring a family member or friend!

Spanish/Español

En las elecciones de este año, algunos lugares de votación contarán con modelos de boletas traducidas que los votantes pueden usar como referencia al votar. La Secretaría de Estado determinó qué lugares de votación contarán con estos modelos de boletas. Para saber si su lugar de votación contará con una boleta modelo traducida, o para solicitar que le envíen una antes del Día de Elecciones, por favor, visite nuestro sitio de internet o llame a nuestra oficina. Las solicitudes se deben recibir antes de los 7 días previos al Día de Elecciones.

Si necesita ayuda al votar, puede llevar hasta dos personas con usted a su lugar de votación, siempre que no sean representantes de su empleador o sindicato. ¡Lleve a un familiar o amigo!

Chinese/ 中文

在今年的選舉中，一些投票站將提供翻譯的選票樣本，投票人可以在投票時用作參考。選民所屬的投票點由國務卿決定。若想了解您的投票站是否有提供翻譯的選票樣本，或請求在選舉日之前將翻譯樣本發送給您，請訪問我們的網站或致電我們的辦公室。請求必須在選舉日7天前收到。

如果您在投票時需要幫助，您可以最多帶兩個人（只要他們不是您雇主或工會的代表）到您的投票站。您可帶上家人或朋友！

Korean / 한국어

올해 선거에선 일부 투표소에 투표자가 투표할 때 참고용으로 사용하도록 번역된 샘플 투표 용지를 비치할 예정입니다. 번역된 투표 용지를 비치할 투표소는 국무 장관이 결정합니다. 귀하의 투표소의 번역된 투표 용지 비치 여부를 알아보시거나 선거일 전에 번역된 용지를 받아보도록 신청하시려면 웹사이트를 방문하시거나 사무실에 전화 주십시오. 신청은 선거일 최소 7 일 전에 수신되어야 합니다.

투표할때 도움이 필요하신 경우 귀하의 고용주 또는 조합의 대표인이 아닌 사람 최대 두명과 투표소에 동행하실 수 있습니다. 가족이나 친구와 함께 오세요!

Tagalog / Tagalog

Ngayong eleksyon ngayong taon, ang mga lugar ng botohan ay magkakaroon ng mga balota na pwedeng pagbasehan para sa proseso ng pagboto. Ang mga lugar na pagbobotohan na magkakaroon ng mga balotang ito ay tutukuyin ng Sekretarya ng Estado. Upang malaman kung ang iyong lugar na pagbobotohan ay may naisalin na balota o para humingi ng kopya nito bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon, paki-bisita lamang ang aming website o tawagan ang aming opisina. Lahat ng hiling ay dapat matanggap sa loob ng 7 araw bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon.

Kung kailangan niyo ng tulong sa pagboto, pwede kayong magdala ng hanggang dalawang tao sa lugar ng botohan basta sila ay hindi kinatawan ng iyong lugar na pinagtrabahuan o ng iyong unyon. Magdala kayo ng miyembro ng pamilya o isang kaibigan!



Additional Resources

A Ride to your Polling Place.

Transportation to and from polling place locations may be available on Election Day to senior citizens and to persons with mobility impairments. Most transportation services require that you schedule services up to two weeks in advance. For information on scheduling services and fees, please contact the agency directly.

Carpinteria Area (Help of Carpinteria): Call 805-684-0065

Santa Barbara/Goleta Area (Easy Lift Transportation): Call 805-681-1181

Santa Ynez/Solvang Area (Santa Ynez Valley Transit): Call 805-688-5452

Santa Maria Area (SMOOTH – Santa Maria Organization of Transport Helpers): Call 805-922-8476
(Santa Maria Regional Transit): Call 805-928-5624.

Voting on Election Day if hospitalized or in a care facility due to a medical emergency.

Most hospitals and care facilities in Santa Barbara County have staff available to help voters in their care with retrieving and returning an emergency ballot on Election Day.

Contact the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division for additional information on emergency voting at votebymail2@countyofsb.org or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE (1-800-722-8683).

OTHER RESOURCES



Disability Rights California

Website: disabilityrightsca.org

Voting Hotline – 1-888-569-7955

TTY: 1-800-719-5798



Independent Living Resource Center

Website: ilrc-trico.org

Voice: 805-963-0595 (Santa Barbara) 805-925-0015 (Santa Maria)

Video Phone (VP): 805-284-9051 (Santa Barbara) 805-354-5948
(Santa Maria)



Tri-County Glad

Website: tcglad.org

Voice: 805-644-6322

TTY: 805-644-6323

Video Phone (VP): 805-256-1053

Email: info@tcglad.org



Appendix A - Information about Candidates

Candidate contact information and campaign financial disclosure statements are available online:

Local Candidates: sbcvote.com

Statewide Candidates: sos.ca.gov

Federal Candidates: fec.gov

State Legislative Candidates – Voluntary Spending Limits

California law includes voluntary spending limits for candidates running for state offices who choose to keep their campaign expenses under specified dollar amounts. Candidates for state legislative offices who agree to the voluntary spending limit are able to purchase space for a candidate statement to be printed in this voter guide. Some candidates, however, chose not to buy space for a statement.

The following state legislative candidates have agreed to abide by the voluntary spending limits.

Office	Candidate's Name	Candidate's Statement of Qualifications Included
State Senator, District 21	S. Monique Limón	Yes
State Senator, District 21	Elijah Mack	No
Member of the State Assembly, District 37	Sari M. Domingues	Yes

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates have the option to prepare and pay for a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications (candidate statement) to be printed in this voter guide.

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted, including errors.

Candidate statements are arranged by candidate's last name in a random alphabet order. The random alphabet used depends on the contest, following either the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by the Secretary of State's office or the County Elections Division.

The following pages may or may not represent a complete list of candidates. For a complete list of candidates on your ballot, please see the Sample Ballot pages of this guide.

<div>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24</div> <div><div>SALUD CARBAJAL</div><div>Age: 59</div><div>Occupation: Member of Congress</div><div>Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal, and I'm working to advance our Central Coast priorities in Congress.</div><div>I grew up on the Central Coast. My father worked as a farmworker in Ventura County. I attended UCSB while working two jobs to become the first in my family to graduate from a university. I proudly served our country in the Marine Corps Reserves, and my community as Santa Barbara County Supervisor. My wife, Gina, and I raised our family here, and now are watching our grandchildren grow up here.</div><div>In Congress, I've focused on supporting hardworking families and growing the middle class. I helped pass laws that are creating jobs, investing in our infrastructure and clean energy, and lowering costs of living including housing and health care.</div><div>I'm still fighting to defend reproductive freedom and restore abortion access nationwide. And as an immigrant, I am committed to advancing overdue fixes to our broken immigration system and restoring order at our borders.</div><div>I've worked on legislation that protects our environment, addresses climate change, bans new offshore drilling off our coastline, supports our veterans, and makes our communities safer by getting guns and deadly fentanyl off our streets. At a time when Washington dysfunction is at an all-time high, I've remained focused on finding common ground across the aisle to tackle homelessness, improve child care availability, and prevent wildfires.</div><div>I would be honored to continue working for you in Congress.</div><div>For more information, visit SaludCarbajal.com.</div><div>I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.</div></div>	<div>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24</div> <div><div>THOMAS COLE</div><div>Age: 67</div><div>Occupation: Data Analyst</div><div>Education and Qualifications: Dear voters, it's time for a decision. For the safety of your children and the protection of your nation, we need you to decide.</div><div>Do you want a country that fights endless wars?</div><div>Do you want \$200 billion of your tax dollars sent to Ukraine while our homeless veterans die on the streets?</div><div>Do want a nation that has open borders?</div><div>Do you want schools that have men competing against your daughters and in their showers?</div><div>Do you want a nation where bicoastal political and media elites and tech barons prosper while you can't afford basic necessities?</div><div>And, do you want continuing inflation destroying your paycheck, doubling the price of food and gas and your mortgage payment?</div><div>Now, I offer a solution and that is to vote for me, Thomas Cole for Congress, where your vote for me will mean a vote for America. A vote for your right to have safe schools, safe borders, plentiful jobs and stable money.</div><div>We need the government to get out of the way and allow the private sector to provide more energy jobs, more housing, and better education.</div><div>And, government should be providing the things we cannot do ourselves, like border security, infrastructure and national defense.</div><div>Instead, what you are getting is politicized schools promoting transgenderism, open borders with crime and thousands of homeless people -- many of them mentally disturbed and violent -- admitted into your neighborhoods.</div><div>It's time for a change. I will be that change. Learn more at thomascolegforcongress.com</div></div>

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
State Senator
District 21**

S. MONIQUE LIMÓN

Occupation: California State Senator

Education and Qualifications: As a lifelong resident of the Central Coast, I'm honored to represent Santa Barbara County in the State Senate.

I have a proven record of working to improve our schools, protect our environment, expand job training, advance women's health care, protect consumers, combat the high cost of living, and bring resources to our area to prevent and fight wildfires. That's why I am proud to be supported by a broad range of community leaders including teachers, nurses, and firefighters.

Since being elected, I've worked to tackle climate change, protect consumer privacy, improve mental health care and long-term strategies to prevent homelessness, improve access to quality healthcare including aging and Alzheimer's, and help safeguard human trafficking survivors. Access to healthcare continues to be a priority for our community and I have worked with a coalition to protect and improve it. I earned a 100% voting record with Health Access California.

I've worked to protect our air, water and coastline, and earned a 100% rating from the Sierra Club and California Environmental Voters.

In response to the Supreme Court's overruling of Roe v. Wade, I co-authored Proposition 1, which passed overwhelmingly by the voters of California, to enshrine the right to choose for women in our State Constitution.

These challenging times require effective leadership and the integrity to stand up for the people of the Tri-Counties. I believe my record reflects both.

I would be honored to earn your vote for my re-election to the State Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

www.MoniqueLimonforSenate.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
State Assembly
District 37**

SARI M DOMINGUES

Occupation: Retired

Education and Qualifications: I'm Sari M Domingues, and I'm honored to be your candidate for California State Assembly District 37. Growing up in this community, I've witnessed California's potential firsthand and have experienced it's decline. It is time to stop the decline and bring California back to the strong, vibrant state we all love. With 30 years of extensive experience in public service, I had to problem solve, project manage, be detail oriented and a critical thinker. I worked with all levels of employees including front-line staff, subject matter experts, technical staff, and administration. My work experience taught me valuable lessons on collaboration and has given me strength dealing with adversity. I have earned a master degree in Organizational Leadership based on Servant Leadership. My dedication to the principles of Servant Leadership, and love for my community make me the candidate capable of bringing positive change to District 37 and the State as a whole. With your support, I'll work tirelessly to revitalize our local economy, promote job growth, strengthen our schools, and create safe and flourishing communities. Together, we can create a brighter future for District 37 and California. Please vote Sari M Domingues for California State Assembly District 37.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 6
County Board of Education**

NICHOLAS SEBASTIAN

Occupation: School District Administrator, Retired

Education and Qualifications: I'm running for the Santa Barbara County Board of Education, Trustee Area 6. Santa Barbara has been my home for over 50 years, with 26 of those years spent working for the Santa Barbara Unified School District. As an administrator in the Information Technology Department, I collaborated closely with school staff and leadership, solving problems alongside teachers, counselors, principals, department directors, and superintendents.

My initiatives, such as implementing a student health records system and the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program, generated over \$800,000 for the district's general fund. My work with the Special Education department also led to the founding of a nonprofit supporting special needs individuals and their families.

Education should foster intellectual growth and critical thinking. It's essential that our schools remain free from agendas that undermine national pride, childhood innocence, and parental rights. I'm committed to guiding our district toward these values, ensuring our children's educational environment is protected from bias and hidden agendas.

Now more than ever, it's crucial to be involved in school board elections to protect the integrity of our educational system.

To learn more about me, visit my website at: sbnick.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2
Santa Barbara Unified School District**

JOHN ROBERTSON

Occupation: Retired Educator

Education and Qualifications: My entire adult professional life has been devoted to education and schools. I was a regular classroom teacher - dealing with all academic subject areas - in the upper elementary grades in Lodi USD followed by Glendale USD for 11 years, plus taught adolescents in Mexico, Egypt, Indonesia, and Malaysia for a total of 15 years. Back in Santa Barbara, I culminated my career with another 15 years teaching in the English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Skills departments at City College, followed by the English for Multilingual Students (EMS) program at UCSB. Now retired, I want to give back to my community with my interest and expertise in educational issues and institutions, which includes caring for the lives and welfare of students and their families, as well as faculty and staff.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2
Santa Barbara Unified School District**

SUNITA BEALL

Occupation: School Board Member/Doctor

Education and Qualifications: I am running for school board because I believe we can do better. I envision a Santa Barbara Unified School District where every child thrives in an engaging and safe environment. We need a district that values its students, teachers, staff, and community resources, ensuring equitable educational access for all.

With 25 years of experience as a physician in our community, I understand the importance of dedicated service. My children attended Peabody Charter School, Dos Pueblos High School, and Santa Barbara High School, which deepened my commitment to our schools. For the past three years, I have actively participated in the SBUSD Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) advisory committee, advocating for vulnerable students.

For much of the last decade, I have been a strong advocate for our students, addressing the board on crucial district policies and spending. My experience as a parent and professional has reinforced my belief in strong financial stewardship and transparency in school district governance.

As a current member of the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board, I am running for reelection to continue championing a unified district. I am dedicated to making our schools exemplary and ask for your support in this election. Together, we can ensure that SB Unified truly stands unified.

www.sunita4sb.com



Appendix B - Local Measures

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN BALLOT MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS

(For measures that will be on your ballot)

Arguments in support of or in opposition to a measure are the opinions of the authors. All information for ballot measures are printed exactly as submitted to the County Elections Division, including errors.

If you desire a copy of an ordinance or measure which has not been included in this guide, please call the County Elections Division at 1-800-SBC-VOTE or 1-800-722-8683, and a copy will be sent to you at no charge. You may also access the full text of an ordinance or measure online at **sbcvote.com**.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE P2024
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, which is the governing board of the District.

If approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, this measure authorizes the Santa Barbara Community College District (District) to issue and sell bonds of up to \$198,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific types of District facilities projects listed in the District's Project List. The Project List, as well as the full text of the measure, are printed in the voter information guide. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from property taxes levied on taxable property in the District. The amount of the taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. The District's estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2060-61.

The bond measure includes the following accountability requirements:

- A. A requirement that the proceeds from the bond sale be used only for the above purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other District operating expenses.
- B. A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the District's Board has evaluated safety, enrollment and information technology needs in developing the Project List.
- C. A requirement that the District's Board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the specific college facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- D. A requirement that the District's Board conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the college facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- E. If the measure is approved, the District's Board will also establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used only to fund the projects listed in the Project List, as printed in the voter information guide.
- F. If the measure is approved, the District shall create an account into which the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited. An annual report will be filed with the Board stating the amount of proceeds collected and expended in the past year, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded with bond proceeds.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE P2024
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE P2024

An election will be held in the Santa Barbara Community College District (the "District") on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$198 million. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is \$8.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2060-61.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$8.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed and the year is 2060-61, and each year while the bond are outstanding.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$451,555,000.

It is the intent of the District to issue bonds to replace, repair and upgrade aging college facilities that would simply extend the tax rate previously approved by local voters. Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on Santa Barbara County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

/S/ Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Santa Barbara Community College District
June 27, 2024

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE P2024**

SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Vote YES on P to protect affordable higher education and career training at Santa Barbara City College WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES!

For over 100 years, students from Carpinteria to Goleta have relied on SBCC for the **high-quality college education and career training** needed to transfer to four-year universities and prepare for essential careers in nursing, healthcare, public safety, hospitality and skilled trades.

As university costs continue to rise, nearly 50% of local high school graduates rely on SBCC Foundation's Promise Program for free full-time study for two years.

Most **classrooms, labs and job training facilities at SBCC were built over 60 years ago** and need repairs and upgrades to meet current academic, building, and safety standards. Many have asbestos, lead, and do not meet current earthquake safety standards.

Voting Yes on P provides locally controlled funding to repair and upgrade aging and deteriorating college facilities **WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES** above the rate previously approved by voters.

Yes on P will:

- Provide modern classrooms, science labs, and career training facilities to prepare students for in-demand careers in nursing, health sciences, engineering, and technology
- Repair leaky roofs, deteriorating plumbing, gas lines and faulty electrical systems
- Improve earthquake safety
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead
- Improve access for students with disabilities

Measure P requires strict fiscal accountability and local control:

- All funds must stay local to upgrade SBCC only and cannot be taken by the State
- An independent oversight committee, annual audits, and public spending disclosure ensure funds are used as promised

Voting **Yes on P qualifies SBCC for state matching funds** that would otherwise go to improve schools and colleges in other communities.

Join educators, students, nurses, first responders, business and community leaders in voting YES on P to **protect affordable higher education and career training at Santa Barbara City College WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES!**

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure P2024 at the General Election for the Santa Barbara Community College District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Gregg Hart 7/29/2024

California State Assemblymember and SBCC Alumnus

/S/ Jonathan Abboud 8/1/2024

President, Board of Trustees, Santa Barbara City College

/S/ Marybeth Carty 7/30/2024

Santa Barbara County Office of Education Trustee and 48 Year Carpinteria Resident

/S/ Peter O. Haslund 7/26/2024

40-year SBCC Professor (Retired) and Former Member, SBCC Board of Trustees

/S/ Lanny Ebenstein 7/30/2024

President, Santa Barbara County Tax Payers Association

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE P2024**

SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

What a shell game! Santa Barbara Community College advertises "without increasing taxes above the rate previously approved by voters". No joke! Why would we approve extending our tax levy FOR 37 YEARS to 2060-61 from Measure V Bonds: \$77M, approved 2008, expiration 2033? Total debt service on Measure P (Principal and Interest \$198M) is almost a HALF MILLION DOLLARS- \$451,555,000! Taxes impact the cost of our housing!

SBCC has an \$11M budget shortfall due to mismanagement; and asked Foundation donors for \$500,000 to promote Measure P.

VOTE NO! It's the wrong time to take on more debt. Money will not improve SBCC. Has 60% of property taxes allocated to local K-14 improved student proficiency, or access to essential instruction? NO!

Measure P conceals 'we'll decide later how to spend the money, just trust us.' Use of Measure V Bond proceeds proved SBCC unworthy of our trust or our money. The only two 'budget knowledgeable' Trustees VOTED NO on this ballot request, and deficit spending.

SBCC is not prepared, has no clear plans, wants student housing built for out-of-District, foreign students, and seeks a deficit bailout. Too many unnecessary administrators are hired, while District students, area needs, campus maintenance and repairs are ignored.

VOTE NO ON P! Hold SBCC accountable before gifting another HALF BILLION of hard-earned taxpayer funds.

As Representative Gregg Hart has stated: **PAUSE**. Wait for specifics. Consider unintended adverse impacts of more debt. **VOTE NO!**

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of Ballot Measure P2024 at the General Election for the Santa Barbara Community College District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Denice Spangler Adams

8/11/2024

44-year SBCC informed volunteer; Founding Member SBCC Foundation

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE P2024**

SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Vote NO on P2024 the requested SBCC Bond. Do not reward waste, mismanagement, and SBCC's failure to serve LOCAL students determined to receive high quality instruction on campus; those who live within SBCC District Boundaries. BEWARE of the planned bait and switch strategy. We do not need to create more housing for out-of-district and foreign students who do not belong at SBCC. We've a housing, water shortage and inadequate roads.

Vote NO! 5 of our elected 7 Trustees have failed District students and taxpayers. I've been an active community volunteer and donor for 44 years. There is plenty of existing tax money allocated to fulfill its mission to serve LOCAL students & maintain the campus. Imagine the amount of infrastructure that could be repaired with the money Trustees wasted on superfluous, wasteful, self-serving decisions, The list is long! SBCC has deviated far from serving locals. There has been a revolving door of multiple interim college presidents because of the militant or complicit, incompetent Trustee majority. SBCC is in debt and lost its high ranking. Now in an effort to remedy, Trustees seek more money from us. Teachers and staff are compensated from \$100-\$400K for a 4-day work week. <https://Transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/2022/santa-barbara-city-college>. Assess SBCC's situation later, after we elected 5 replacement Trustees; first, stabilize SBCC.

Vote NO! Need more specifics? Text 805-881-2484

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument against Ballot Measure P2024 at the General Election for the Santa Barbara Community College District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Denise Spangler Adams 8/1/2024
44 Year SBCC Foundation Volunteer, Donor, Alum Parent

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE P2024**

SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The lone opponent has the facts WRONG! Don't be misled and learn the TRUTH:

FACT: SBCC'S primary focus is **serving local students**. Nearly **50% of students** graduating from high schools between Carpinteria and Goleta attend SBCC for **affordable access to college and job training**.

FACT: Local adults seeking **training for new careers or career advancement rely on SBCC** to prepare for jobs in **nursing, healthcare, public safety, hospitality and skilled trades** that **keep us safe and fuel our economy**.

FACT: Funds from **Measure P cannot be used for student housing**. By law, funds can only be used for the **repairs and upgrades to classrooms, labs, job training facilities**, and other aging college facilities on the legally binding project list. An **independent oversight committee, annual audits, and public spending disclosure** are required.

FACT: Essential upgrades to aging and deteriorating college buildings cannot wait. Most SBCC buildings are at least **60 years old and have leaky roofs, broken pipes, dry rot, water damage, mold, and structural issues**. Chemistry, physics, and other science labs haven't been upgraded in decades.

FACT: SBCC has missed out on millions in state matching funds due to not having required local matching dollars. **Voting Yes on P qualifies SBCC for over \$100 million in State matching money** that otherwise will go to other communities.

FACT: **Measure P does not increase taxes** above rates previously approved by voters.

Join trusted local leaders in voting YES on P - protect affordable higher education and career training at Santa Barbara City College WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES!

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument against Ballot Measure P2024 at the General Election for the Santa Barbara Community College District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Monique Limón 8/5/2024
California State Senator

/S/ Joyce Dudley 8/8/2024
Santa Barbara County District Attorney (Ret.)

/S/ Pat McElroy 8/8/2024
Santa Barbara City Fire Chief (Ret.)

/S/ Kandy Luria Budgor 8/7/2024
Past President, Friends of the Luria Library and former member, Board of Directors, SBCC Foundation

/S/ Thomas Widroe 8/7/2024
Executive Director, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association

**FULL TEXT
MEASURE P2024**

SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE MEASURE PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION/ CAREER TRAINING WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES. To repair and update aging classrooms, labs, college/ career-training facilities providing affordable, high-quality education in science, engineering, math, nursing, technology/ skilled trades; and fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing/ electrical, shall Santa Barbara Community College District's measure be adopted authorizing \$198,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, without exceeding the previously approved \$8.50 per \$100,000 assessed value (providing \$13,255,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with oversight/ local control?

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

FINDINGS

- Santa Barbara City College has provided a high-quality, affordable college education and career training to local students from Carpinteria to Goleta for over 100 years.
- Santa Barbara City College offers a wide range of high-quality undergraduate degrees, university-transfer courses, dual enrollment, certificate programs, career and technical education and training.
- Santa Barbara City College offers a wide range of student support and educational counseling services.
- The Santa Barbara City College School of Extended Learning serves as a vital community resource by providing adult learners with access to a wide variety of educational and community programs that advance career and employability skills, provide opportunities for life enhancement, and bridges to Santa Barbara City College's credit programs.
- Each year, nearly 50% of local high school graduates rely on Santa Barbara City College for higher education and to prepare for careers.
- Since 2016, over 7,000 local high school students have benefited from the Santa Barbara Community College District's Promise Program that provides two years of free tuition through the SBCC Foundation and their generous donors.
- With continued increasing costs of four-year colleges and universities, many local students rely on community colleges like Santa Barbara City College for affordable higher education at a fraction of the cost of Cal State University (CSU), University of California (UC) and private universities.
- Santa Barbara City College helps ensure that lower and middle-income students who can't afford the high price of a university still have an opportunity to succeed in college and careers.
- Santa Barbara City College ranked fourth among California community colleges for the number of student transfers to the UC system in 2023.
- Santa Barbara City College provides education and job training to local nurses, paramedics, and other first-responders who serve the community.
- In addition to training essential healthcare and public safety workers, Santa Barbara City College provides education and job training to the hospitality workers and skilled workers that fuel the local Santa Barbara economy.
- While Santa Barbara City College has served the community well for decades, most college facilities were built over 60 years ago and need repairs and upgrades to meet current academic needs, support services, post-pandemic, accessibility, and safety standards.
- Some classrooms were built so long ago that they have asbestos, lead pipes, and do not meet current earthquake safety standards.
- In 2019, the Santa Barbara Community College District (the "District," "Santa Barbara City College" or "SBCC") prepared a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that evaluates the condition of all college facilities, identifies needed improvements and provides a plan to upgrade classrooms, career training and college facilities. The FMP, as amended, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and is available for review on the college website.
- Santa Barbara City College has prepared a Strategic Vision Plan, a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, Student Equity Plan, and is finalizing an Educational Vision Plan that has evaluated the priorities for the instructional and non-instructional areas of the college that need improvements and provides a plan to increase student success and support that can lead to an increase in completion retention, persistence and completion rates.
- To repair and upgrade aging college facilities, local funding is needed and the District Board of Trustees believes that locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure is needed.
- The District has an opportunity to issue bonds to repair and upgrade aging college facilities **that would simply extend the tax rate previously approved by local voters.**

- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would provide modern science labs, career training facilities and equipment so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing, health sciences, engineering, chemistry, technology and skilled trades.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes where needed.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date.
- Locally controlled funding from a college facilities improvement bond measure would upgrade older buildings so they meet current health and building safety codes, earthquake safety standards, and provide access for students with disabilities.
- Santa Barbara City College has the opportunity to benefit from obtaining millions of dollars in State matching funds, and approval of a college facilities improvement bond measure will make the District eligible to receive more than \$100 million in State matching money that otherwise will continue to go to other communities.
- A local college facilities improvement measure would include strict accountability and local control requirements, including an independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory annual audits, and public disclosure of all spending.
- By law, all funds from the measure may only be used to improve District facilities and no funds could be taken away by the State, diverted to other uses, and no funds could be used for administrator salaries or benefits.

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Santa Barbara Community College District certifies that it has evaluated the District's urgent and critical capital needs, including college and student safety issues, enrollment trends, energy efficiency and computer technology, seismic safety requirements, and aging, outdated or deteriorating campus buildings in developing the scope of projects. In developing the scope of projects, the District has prioritized the key health and safety and sustainability needs so that the most critical college site and facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted an evaluation at all District sites and received input in developing the scope of projects. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems would only get worse and more expensive to address in the future. The Board concluded that protecting the quality of college facilities, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes is a wise investment. The Board also concluded that providing safe and updated learning facilities for our students is a wise investment. The Project List includes construction, renovation, repair will occur at all District sites, including but not limited to, the Wake Campus, Schott Campus, and Cliff Campus. Because only those capital improvements included on this Project List may be funded, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the bonds, the Board has listed many possible capital improvement projects. This does not mean that any or all of the projects listed on this Project List will be completed or funded. The placement of the listing of a particular capital improvement on the Project List does not imply any particular prioritization among such improvements, which remains within the province of the Board by subsequent action. In approving this Project List, the Board determines that the District should:

GENERAL:

- Prepare students for 21st century jobs.
- Keep classrooms and labs safe and clean.
- Upgrade colleges to prepare students for careers.
- Upgrade resources and prepare returning veterans for universities and good paying jobs.
- Improve access to affordable higher education.
- Modernize classrooms, labs, equipment to keep pace with current industry standards and technology.
- Expand Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities for programs.
- Construct, acquire, modernize, equip, repair and improve facilities including classrooms, labs, and learning spaces for general education and career education programs in fields including transfer education, nursing, science, technology, engineering and other programs.
- Provide modern science labs, career training facilities, equip so students are prepared for in-demand careers in fields like nursing, health sciences, engineering, chemistry, tech and other skilled trades.
- Replace, repair and update Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) buildings and classrooms, labs for existing and new programs, including, but not limited to the addition of engineering and computer science.
- Upgrade job training, career technical vocational classrooms, labs and technology.
- Repair, replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation, gas lines, sewer lines, electrical systems.
- Remove/remediate hazardous materials like asbestos, mold and lead pipes.

- Keep computer systems and instructional technology, WiFi access, electrical, wiring up to date.
- Replace aging heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, improve filtration to provide clean air in classrooms.
- Upgrade older buildings so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities.
- Repair or replace outdated electrical, water irrigation systems to improve energy efficiency, water conservation.
- Construct, repair, equip and improve Campus Center and other district facilities.
- Update environmental horticulture training classrooms and labs.
- Upgrade and replace water and plumbing systems, supply to shower and locker rooms, science labs, drinking fountains, irrigation, fire sprinkler systems, and hydrants.
- Improve school safety and security by upgrading wiring, lighting, fire alarms, and security and communication systems.
- Improve and enhance disability access throughout the District, replace or renovate facilities and equipment, including elevators, to comply with federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and ensure ADA compliance.
- Provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to support new and modernized learning spaces.
- Construct and improve roadways, parking structures, parking facilities, walkways, grounds, wayfinding and signage.
- Upgrade outdated electrical wiring, systems, lighting.
- Provide up-to-date information and technology systems and equipment, including cable infrastructure, network expansion to support student access to technology and specialized equipment, wireless access points and administrative systems.
- Provide safe drinking water.
- Replace deteriorating sewer and gas lines.
- Improve safety lighting at campus parking lots and walkways.
- Upgrade emergency communication systems.
- Upgrade fire safety systems, including safety doors, smoke alarms and detectors.
- Replace portable classrooms and spaces with new permanent facilities.
- Upgrade, construct, repair bathrooms and plumbing.
- Increase water and energy savings to reduce costs.
- Repair faulty drainage systems that cause flooding.
- Repair and replace roofs, windows, doors and fixtures, as needed.
- Upgrade and improve faculty preparation rooms, to accommodate faculty needs.
- Improve irrigation systems, landscaping, and athletic and physical education facilities.
- Provide temporary facilities during facilities construction and renovations.
- Repair sewers, streets and plumbing.
- Replace Physical Science Building.
- Construct, repair Early learning center; Children's center.
- Repair or replace Athletic Facilities, including but not limited to, the Physical Education Building Project where the District has qualified for State matching funds due to safety-seismic deficiency findings.
- Repair and replace electrical infrastructure, including switch gear and meters.
- Repair and replace automated irrigation systems.
- Construct, repair and repave campus parking lots.
- Replace interior and exterior lighting systems.
- Repair pedestrian bridge.
- Construct, repair, replace restrooms.
- Repave asphalt & repair concrete walk ways.
- Repaint interior and exterior of buildings/classrooms/campus facilities.
- Replace retaining wall horticulture.
- Remove or decommission portable buildings.
- Replace boilers campus wide.
- Construct, repair, improve vehicular entries, drop offs, parking, pedestrian paths, wayfinding.
- Repair, replace and install solar panels, electrical storage, electric vehicle charging stations.
- Install and replace emergency generators.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, a customary contingency, and costs associated with the total cost of ownership of facilities and equipment. In addition to the listed projects stated above, authorized projects also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, fiscal reporting, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects include the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations, LED lighting; repair and replace worn-out leaky roofs, windows, walls, flooring, doors, fences, stairs, and drinking fountains; replace or remove outdated buildings and classrooms and construct new classrooms and support buildings; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability and State compliance standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replacing or relocate hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; install artificial turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; build or upgrade facilities, including science and engineering classrooms; construct, expand or reconfigure facilities to create lecture classrooms; improve parking, construct parking structures and upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots; improve vehicular access and traffic circulation; improve drop-off zones; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water lines and valves; sewer lines and other plumbing systems; construct, upgrade, repair, acquire or expand multi-use classrooms and labs, manufacturing and transportation training, theater arts facilities, learning resources centers, physical education facilities, gyms, stadiums, locker rooms, field lights, field houses, tennis courts, bleachers, press boxes, tracks, District administrative offices, conference center, physical plants/maintenance buildings, student service/campus centers, fountains, data centers, technology buildings, kitchens, cafeterias/food services and classroom instructional buildings, trades and technology buildings, libraries, athletic fields, student services buildings; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; replace or upgrade outdated safety and security systems; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install shade structures, pedestrian paths, security systems such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer and hydronic lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; trash compactors and composters; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The project also includes the financing or refinancing of lease obligations and the demolition of older buildings at District sites. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading classroom technology, expanding wireless internet access throughout District sites, acquiring computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, audio/visual and telecommunication systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones and identity access.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may undertake fewer than all of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses.

Necessary site preparation/ restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, storm drain, and utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the costs of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of California Government Code Section 53410.

NO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of District facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or pensions or other operating expenses.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15278 ET SEQ.) TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of Measure P2024 by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$198,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not in excess of the legal limit and to provide financing for the specific District facilities projects listed in the Project List as set forth above, subject to the accountability requirements specified below. The bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The bonds may be issued in series by the District from time to time, and each series of bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the bonds are issued.

FUNDS PROTECTED FOR LOCAL USE

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by Measure P2024 will be used solely on local projects and will not be subject to appropriation by agencies outside of the District.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in Measure P2024 in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at California Education Code Sections 15264 and following). The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Santa Barbara County Treasurer-Tax Collector, as required by the California Education Code, and will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure P2024 and not for any other purpose.

Evaluation of Needs: The Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated enrollment growth, student safety, class size accommodation, repairs/upgrades to older facilities, and information technology needs in developing the Project List as set forth above.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee: The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under California Education Code Section 15278 to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the college facilities projects listed above. The Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the college facilities projects listed as set forth above.

Financial Audits: The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the college facilities projects listed above.

Annual Report: The Superintendent/President of the District is required to cause an annual report to be filed with the Board, the first report to be filed not later than one year after the issuance of the first series of the bonds, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in Measure P2024 as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the California Government Code.

COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Completion of the bond projects listed above is subject to the availability of adequate funding to the District. Approval of the Bond Measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local

revenues generated by the Bond Measure. The District's proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a Statewide bond measure or additional measures. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in Measure P2024, and not for any other purpose.

SCOPE OF PROJECTS

Bond proceeds will be expended to update, repair, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, rebuild and otherwise improve educational and support facilities within the District. Projects which are described above include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architectural and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary construction contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

Bond proceeds may also be expended to acquire and install furniture, fixtures and equipment at any classrooms and other educational facilities within the District. The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects which are described above as required by conditions that arise during the course of design and construction.

Whenever specific items are included in the above list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion.

STATE MATCHNG FUNDS

Approval of Measure P2024 does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Santa Barbara Community College District that are the subject of bonds under Measure P2024 will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure P2024. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE Y2024
HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Hope Elementary School District, which is the governing board of the School District.

If approved by 55% of the voters voting on the proposition, this measure authorizes the Hope Elementary School District (School District) to issue and sell bonds of up to \$40,300,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the School District's Project List. The Project List, as well as the full text of the measure, are printed in the voter information guide. None of the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses.

The bonds and interest thereon would be payable from property taxes levied on taxable property in the School District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers in the School District. The amount of the increased taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. The School District's estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2054-55.

The bond measure includes the following accountability requirements:

- A. A requirement that the proceeds from the bond sale be used only for the above purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
- B. A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and a statement that the School District's Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project list.
- C. A requirement that the School District's Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the funds have been spent only on the specific school facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- D. A requirement that the School District's Board cause an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds to be conducted until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.
- E. If the measure is approved, the School District's Board will also establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used only to fund the projects listed in the Project List, as printed in the voter information guide.
- F. If the measure is approved, the School District's Board shall establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited. An annual report will be filed with the Board stating the amount of proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded with bond proceeds.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

**TAX RATE STATEMENT
MEASURE Y2024
HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

An election will be held in the Hope Elementary School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$40,300,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$18.26 per \$100,000. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2054-55.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$19.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply in only the fiscal year 2025-26.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$76,300,000.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

/S/ Anne Hubbard, Ed. D.
Superintendent, Hope School District
June 20, 2024

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE Y2024
HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Our schools are an important asset in our community. High-quality schools increase student achievement and improve property values. Although our teachers and staff do a great job educating our children, we still have aging classrooms and buildings in the Hope School District that need to be upgraded to provide students with proper school facilities.

While facilities have been partially maintained with updated infrastructure such as HVAC and roofing, the aging classrooms and facilities must still be upgraded. We can achieve this by voting YES on Measure Y, this school improvement measure would allow the District to improve the quality of its school facilities, classrooms, and education provided to students.

If passed, Measure Y will provide funding to make critical classroom and facility improvements at the District's three schools by:

- Upgrading inadequate electrical and communication systems
- Making health, safety, and security improvements
- Modernizing and renovating outdated classrooms and restrooms
- Improving blacktops and fields for school and community use
- Replacing outdated portables and increasing learning spaces with permanent classrooms

Measure Y makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- The tax rate for the District's current bonds combined with the new 2024 Measure Y bonds will have a combined maximum tax rate of \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed value.
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- All bond funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.
- Funds are required to be spent only on schools, not for administrator or teacher salaries.

Measure Y upgrades and renovates classrooms, restrooms, and other school facilities and improves the quality of education and value of our local community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE Y!

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure Y2024 at the General Election for the Hope School District to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Robin Malone
Physician 7/29/2024

/S/ Mrs. Lena Scharfeld
Self Employed 7/24/2024

/S/ Lindsay Wermers
Physical Therapist 7/24/2024

/S/ David Hicks
Certified Public Accountant 7/25/2024

/S/ Daniel Cunnison
School Board Member 7/29/2024

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Y2024 WAS FILED.

**FULL TEXT
MEASURE Y2024
HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Hope Elementary School District.

"To modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms/school facilities; make health, safety/security improvements to improve the quality of education; acquire, construct/equip school sites/facilities, shall Hope Elementary School District's measure be adopted issuing \$40,300,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average \$2,500,000 annually as long as bonds are outstanding at a rate of approximately \$18.26 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, NO money for salaries and no money taken by the State?"

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Hope Elementary School District is committed to safe and secure schools with upgraded classrooms to keep pace with 21st century learning standards. The Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size and computer and information technology in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing and expensive to address. **Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District should:**

- (i) **make health, safety and security improvements to District facilities;**
- (ii) **upgrade inadequate or potentially unsafe electrical and communications systems;**
- (iii) **adhere to specific FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY safeguards including:**
 - (a) **Sacramento must be prohibited from taking any of the funds raised,**
 - (b) **All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial audits,**
 - (c) **No funds can be used for administrators' salaries and pensions,**
 - (d) **All funds must be subject to local control,**
 - (e) **All funds must be subject to PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, including independent citizens' oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.**

The Project List includes upgrades and improvements and District sites and facilities as described below, including Monte Vista School, Viejo Valley School and Hope School:

School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects

- **Modernize classrooms, restrooms and school facilities, including multi-purpose rooms**
- Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms to meet current educational specifications.
- **Improve blacktops and playfields for school and community use.**
- Purchase land for an early childhood center.

Health, Safety and Energy Efficiency School Projects

- **Upgrade inadequate electrical and communications systems.**
- Replace or replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.
- **Make health, safety and security improvements.**
- Replace old or inefficient windows to lower utility costs.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs

of preparation of all facility planning and master plan updates, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies, construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. The upgrading of classroom computer and technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, the repair, replacement or acquisition of computers, handheld devices, projectors, fiber optic wiring, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards/smart boards, cooling systems, upgrade voice-over-IP, phone systems, micro-grid, battery storage units, electric vehicle charging stations, network security/firewall, expanding wireless internal access/connectivity, audio/visual systems, cloud computing and data storage, and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

In addition to the projects listed above, the acquisition, construction, repair and equipping of school facilities includes some or all of the following: the acquisition or improvement of various instructional, maintenance and operational equipment; land acquisition; improve campus accessibility; repair or replace heaters/boiler and water/sewer/electrical lines and utilities; repair or replace playground equipment, security fencing, play fields (including turf) and hard court surfaces; improve shade structures and covered eating areas for student assembly and the protection of students from inclement weather; repair, improve or replace covered walk columns, libraries, multipurpose rooms, District support facilities (administrative, physical education, gyms, music, art, performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, science, computer labs/classrooms, libraries and buildings), student and staff restrooms, fire sensors, walkways, sidewalks and asphalt; improve student drop-off areas and staff parking; improve interior and exterior painting of building surfaces, security, safety and communication systems and equipment, fire alarms and bells, window and floor coverings (including tiles and carpeting); install signage; construct new school buildings; repair/replace irrigation systems; repair and replace electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; repair or replace leaky or worn out roofs; modernize/improve food service facilities; and any other projects described in the District's current Master Facilities Plan. The Project List also includes the refinancing of any outstanding lease obligations or other bridge loans taken to initiate voter approved projects.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration and landscaping, may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only for the specific purposes identified herein. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

No Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY
COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara in order to increase the transient occupancy tax (commonly referred to as the "Hotel Tax") rate from 12% to 14%. Although the County tax is collected only in the unincorporated areas of the County, the law requires that there be a countywide vote on the question of increasing the tax rate to 14%.

This measure passes if approved by a majority of voters voting thereon.

The California Constitution and the Government Code authorize the County, upon a majority vote, to levy a general tax. The Revenue and Taxation Code authorizes the County to levy a tax on the privilege of occupying a room or rooms, or other living space, in a hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging for 30 days or less in the unincorporated areas of the County.

The transient occupancy tax is a general tax. Revenues from the transient occupancy tax go into the County's general fund and may be used for general governmental purposes, without restriction.

The transient occupancy tax rate is currently at 12%. This measure would authorize the increase of the transient occupancy tax rate to 14%. According to the Ordinance, the increased tax rate of 14% would take effect beginning January 1, 2025. If the measure does not pass, the transient occupancy tax rate would remain at 12%.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

**SUMMARY OF IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY
COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

A YES vote on this measure means:

A majority "yes" vote means that the County of Santa Barbara's Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Tax) rate will increase to 14%.

A NO vote on this measure means:

A majority "no" vote means that the Hotel Tax rate will remain at 12%.

/S/ Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel
County of Santa Barbara
July 30, 2024

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT BY
COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Summary

This measure would increase County revenues by increasing the existing County of Santa Barbara unincorporated area Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 12% to 14% of the daily rent paid for lodging. The current transient occupancy tax rate of 12% generated \$17,746,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 for the County. If this measure is approved, the tax rate would increase to 14% and is estimated to generate an additional \$3.0 million annually. The total of the tax collected changes on an annual basis as a result of increases or decreases in lodging rates and lodging occupancy.

Revenue generated by the transient occupancy tax is considered general revenue for the County General Fund. This tax source is a significant discretionary General Fund tax source. This revenue is expended on general County government services and capital needs for public safety, law and justice, health services, public assistance, community resources, public facilities, administrative, and other general government purposes.

Background

Local governments were first granted the power to tax the privilege of occupying a room or living space in a hotel, motel, inn, short-term rentals, and other lodging establishments when rented for 30 days or less, in 1963. The Transient Occupancy Tax (also commonly referred to as TOT or hotel bed tax) is collected by the lodging provider in the unincorporated area of the County then remitted to the County Treasurer-Tax Collector for deposit as general revenue to the County.

/S/ Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA
County Auditor-Controller

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Protect our quality of life for local residents -- vote **YES on H** to update Santa Barbara County's Tourist Tax. Your YES on H vote generates money for the core services you expect and deserve: improving 911 response services, fixing potholes, repairing roads damaged during winter storms, and upgrading aging and deteriorating bridges. Funding is needed to carry out more local flood control projects and clean out storm drains to prevent mudslides and protect homes.

YES on H generates \$3,000,000 annually to maintain these services -- and is 100% paid for by tourists and lodging guests visiting unincorporated Santa Barbara County communities. Vote YES on H to ensure tourists pay their fair share of the services they use when visiting our amazing region.

YES on H:

- Protects groundwater supplies.
- Maintains 911 emergency, wildfire, and disaster response services.
- Addresses homelessness.
- Repairs deteriorating bridges, roads, and other transportation infrastructure.

All funds generated by **YES on H** are subject to the County's strict accountability provisions, ensuring public transparency on how funds are spent. This includes online budget and expenditure reports and annual independent audits available for public review.

State and federal governments can't take a dime of the money generated by Measure H. By law, all funds raised are controlled locally and will be used to maintain the services so many families need. Join First Responders, small business owners, and residents from every corner of our amazing county.

Protect the region we all love, without raising your taxes -- vote **YES on H!**

For the official text of Measure H, visit www.countyofsb.org.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Joan Hartmann
County 3rd District Supervisor 8/1/2024

/S/ Das Williams
County 1st District Supervisor 8/1/2024

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

VOTE NO ON MEASURE H: WE DON'T NEED HIGHER TAXES

Just months ago, Santa Barbara County Supervisors passed the largest budget in county history -- \$1.59 BILLION. This record-high county budget represented a 7.3% increase from the previous year, but now we're being told we need Measure H to raise taxes by another \$3 million a year.

MEASURE H IS A BAIT AND SWITCH TRICK

The truth is politicians often will promise one thing then do another. Measure H says the taxes will go towards things that are popular with voters like public safety, roads, and addressing homelessness, but Measure H contains a giant loophole that allows politicians to spend the money on anything they want, including administrative costs, outside consultants, pay raises, and pensions.

MEASURE H GIVES POLITICIANS A \$3 MILLION BLANK CHECK

The politicians say Measure H is for "essential" community services, but because it was put on the ballot as a General Tax, the funds won't be dedicated to addressing a specific problem and there are NO guarantees on how our tax money will be spent. Measure H gives politicians a blank check with no accountability.

MEASURE H IS FLAWED

Measure H's higher taxes will hurt small and family-owned businesses. If we're going to raise taxes, we need *real protections* ensuring our tax dollars will go where promised and not end up diverted to the General Fund, where the money can be used for other purposes.

We need better accountability from politicians, not just higher taxes. Vote NO on Measure H.

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Tom Widroe
Taxpayer Advocate 8/6/2024

/S/ Lorena Chavez
Farm Management 8/6/2024

/S/ June Van Wingerden
Flower Grower 8/6/2024

/S/ Kari Campbell Bohard
Ranch Management 8/6/2024

/S/ Andy Caldwell
Government Watchdog COLAB 8/6/2024

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Supervisors Are Wasting Tax Dollars; Don't Give Them More of Your Hard-Earned Money!

The county makes no specific promises as to how they will spend this \$3 million tax and that should tell you something! The *real reason* county supervisors want to raise taxes is because they refuse to reduce the size and cost of their workforce of 4,763 employees. That is, the odds are the money from this tax will be used for out-of-control county employee salaries and benefits which cost \$824 million per year and average \$170,000 per employee which is twice as much as what most residents earn.

The supervisors' misplaced priorities include a \$400 million deficit in maintaining our roads and infrastructure and a plan to reduce the capacity of the jail to hold criminals. They wasted \$250 million on a "trash digester" that doesn't work. Millions more were squandered when the county was convicted of a felony for an oil spill for which they were responsible, not to mention their attempt to steal a contract for ambulance services which encouraged a judge to slap them with a preliminary injunction! County supervisors also burned through \$100 million in extra (COVID) money from the state and federal government and they have little to show for it.

Supervisors haven't laid off any workers in years, instead, they have been cutting services and raising fees for services to residents! Why is that? The sad truth is that our county government's top priority is to serve its employees, not the public, at taxpayer expense! More than one half of their \$1.6 billion budget goes into the pockets of county employees. Please don't vote for higher taxes until county supervisors tighten their own belt as working families have had to do. Vote NO on Measure H2024.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument against Ballot Measure H2024 at the General Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Tom Widroe
Taxpayer Advocate 7/30/2024

/S/ Lorena Chavez
Farm Management 7/29/2024

/S/ June Van Wingerden
Flower Grower 7/30/2024

/S/ Kari Campbell Bohard
Campbell Ranches 7/29/2024

/S/ Andy Caldwell
Government Watchdog COLAB 7/29/2024

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Opponents of Measure H claim it will impact your money, but that is completely false. Measure H is funded solely by tourists staying in 24 hotels outside of our cities - (local residents will not face any tax increase.) Here's why Measure H is a smart choice:

1. **Transparent:** Measure H clearly identifies priorities for County expenditures, such as:
 - **Enhance Emergency Services:** Improve response times and capabilities for better safety.
 - **Repair Roads:** Fix damage from recent storms to ensure safe transportation.
 - **Address Homelessness:** Invest in effective programs to manage and reduce homelessness.
 - **Flooding Protection:** Prevent flooding by cleaning storm drains (protecting homes and businesses).
2. **Tourist-Funded, (Not Resident-Funded):** We live in one of the most desirable places to visit in the world. Measure H ensures these visitors contribute a small additional amount to support the parks, roads and services they enjoy, instead of burdening local residents.
3. **Local Control and Economic Benefits:** Measure H funds will be managed locally, ensuring they directly benefit our community rather than being redirected by state or federal agencies. This investment supports local businesses, enhances public safety, and boosts our economy.
4. **Comprehensive Accountability:** Measure H guarantees transparency through public budget hearings and independent audits (ensuring funds are used efficiently.)

By voting YES on Measure H, you support a responsible solution for maintaining and improving essential services (*without increasing taxes for local residents*). This measure is a practical step to keep our infrastructure strong and our county thriving. **Vote YES on H!**

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/S/ Laura Capps
County 2nd District Supervisor 8/9/2024

/S/ Steve Lavagnino
County 5th District Supervisor 8/9/2024

**FULL TEXT
MEASURE H2024
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

ORDINANCE NO. 5217

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32-12 OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE
TO INCREASE THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX RATE TO
FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%)

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: VOTER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE SECTION 32-12. Section 32-12 of the Santa Barbara County Code is hereby set forth for voter approval to read as follows:

Sec. 32-12. Transient Occupancy Tax

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of fourteen percent (14%) of the rent charged by the operator. Such tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the County which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the County. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the hotel. If for any reason the tax is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the County Tax Collector may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the County Tax Collector. The tax rate of fourteen percent (14%) shall take effect beginning January 1, 2025. In the interim period between the November 5, 2024 election and January 1, 2025, for the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of twelve percent (12%) of the rent charged by the operator.

SECTION II: NATURE OF TAX. If approved by a majority of the electorate voting on the measure, the ordinance will increase the current transient occupancy tax rate to fourteen percent (14%) of rent charged. The transient occupancy tax is a tax imposed upon transients for the privilege of occupying defined hotels located within the unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County. The tax would be collected by hotel operators in the same manner as the current transient occupancy tax is collected. The collection of the tax from hotel operators would be administered by the Santa Barbara County Tax Collector as provided in Chapter 32, Article II of the Santa Barbara County Code.

SECTION III: GENERAL TAX. The transient occupancy tax imposed by this ordinance is a general tax within the meaning of Government Code Section 53721 and Article XIII C, Section 1 (a) of the California Constitution. The revenue generated by this general tax is available for general government use and purposes. To that end, the Auditor- Controller is instructed to deposit the revenue from the tax into the County General Fund. The County shall include an estimate of the revenue from this general tax, together with the estimates of other revenue sources, in the tabulation that is annually required to be prepared by Government Code Section 29060. The revenue from this general tax shall be made available to the Board of Supervisors for annual appropriation in the County's budget for any lawful expenditure. Nothing in this ordinance nor in any other ordinance, advisory measure, resolution, or policy shall be construed as limiting, in any way, the amount or the objects of the appropriations and expenditures that can be made from the revenue of the tax nor be construed as creating a continuing appropriation. The tax will remain in effect unless and until repealed.

SECTION IV: EFFECT. Voter approval of this ordinance shall have the effect of increasing the transient occupancy tax.

SECTION V: COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), adoption of this tax increase ordinance as a government funding mechanism is not a project subject to the requirements of CEQA. Prior to commencement of any project that may result from the expenditure of revenues from this tax increase, any necessary environmental review required by CEQA shall be completed.

SECTION VI: SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VII: ELECTION. An election shall be held on November 5, 2024, on the issue of increasing the current transient occupancy tax rate to fourteen percent (14%) of rent charged. If the measure is defeated, the transient occupancy tax will remain at the existing transient occupancy tax rate of twelve percent (12%) of rent charged.

SECTION VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of the electorate voting on the ordinance at the November 5, 2024 general election.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE I2024
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

Measure I would enact the Santa Barbara Essential Local Services Measure ("the Measure"). The Measure would increase the City's sales and use tax by one-half percent, from 8.75% to 9.25%. The Measure was placed on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the City Council. The Measure requires approval by a majority of the voters voting on the Measure.

The Measure proposes a general tax that may be used for any lawful City purpose. However, according to the Measure, the City Council proposed the Measure to enable the City of Santa Barbara to provide essential local services including:

- Making contributions to the City's Local Housing Trust Fund
- Improving housing affordability
- Maintaining 911 emergency fire, paramedic, and police response
- Keeping local fire stations open
- Maintaining library services
- Addressing homelessness
- Keeping public areas and parks safe and clean
- Stormwater protection
- Improving natural disaster preparedness
- Retaining local businesses and jobs
- Meeting budgeted expenses for general City services and general governmental uses

Proceeds and expenditures of the proposed tax are required to be audited annually by an independent accounting firm and the results of the audit discussed by the City Council at an open, public meeting. The audit report must also be posted on the City's website. Use of proceeds of the tax will be determined based on spending priorities established by the City Council. State law prevents the City Council from legally binding future councils to any particular spending program.

All funds collected under the Measure would be used locally for the benefit of the City of Santa Barbara and its residents and businesses. The California Constitution prevents the state government in Sacramento from taking local tax revenues. The proposed tax increase would be collected in the same manner as the existing local sales and use tax and would be subject to all of the same tax exemptions, such as services, rent, groceries, prescription medicine, utilities, diapers, and feminine hygiene products.

A "yes" vote is a vote to approve the Santa Barbara Essential Local Services Measure imposing a one-half percent increase of the existing local sales and use tax.

A "no" vote is a vote to not approve the Santa Barbara Essential Local Services Measure and not impose a one-half percent increase of the existing local sales and use tax.

Sarah J. Knecht
City Attorney
City of Santa Barbara

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE I2024
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Your **YES vote on Measure I 2024** ensures that Santa Barbara maintains **essential services**, such as emergency fire/paramedic response, and **improves housing affordability and homelessness** by funding the newly created City of Santa Barbara Local Housing Trust Fund.

Measure I is an investment in our city's safety, quality of life and long-term financial stability. It will help maintain critically needed safety services and create affordable housing for lower- and moderate-income essential workers and others who contribute to our local economy but cannot afford to live here.

The City of Santa Barbara has surveyed and spoken to residents and established that the top priorities for funding are:

- Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency fire/paramedic and police response and prevent further cuts, and keeping neighborhood fire stations open and staffed; and
- Producing more affordable housing by investing in the City of Santa Barbara Local Housing Trust Fund.

Additional funding priorities include:

- Investing in our public libraries,
- Supporting youth services and services for the disabled,
- Protecting local drinking water sources,
- Maintaining our public parks, and
- Keeping public areas including our downtown clean and safe.

Measure I provides strict accountability to taxpayers, including an annual audit by an independent accountant and detailing the amount of revenue collected and the nature and purpose of all expenditures. All funds generated by Measure I must be used locally. No funds can be taken by Sacramento or Washington, D.C. politicians.

Passage of Measure I will generate adequate resources to maintain our full public safety commitments, provide the means to address our affordable housing needs, restore and maintain public library hours and enhance the maintenance of our public spaces. Unlike other taxes and fees, the revenues generated by this measure would stay 100% within the city.

Invest in our future. Vote Yes on Measure I.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure I2024 at the General Municipal Election for the City of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Lisa Carlos
Affordable Housing Advocate

/S/ Lauren Trujillo
Foundation Director, Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation

/S/ Barney Melekian
Retired Police Chief

/S/ Jeff Zampese
Boardmember, Santa Barbara City Firefighters Association

/S/ Randy Rowse
Mayor on behalf of the City Council

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Santa Barbara already has the 2nd highest tax rate in the County and will have the highest tax rate if Measure I is approved.

While other local jurisdictions are looking to increase revenues by taxing tourists on hotel stays, Santa Barbara officials continually choose to have their own residents foot the bill.

You'll notice proponents say the measure 'improves housing affordability and homelessness by funding the newly created City of Santa Barbara Housing Trust Fund.' But that statement is patently false, as the measure itself clearly makes no such promises. If it did, the measure would legally require a supermajority vote to pass.

If this sounds familiar, it's because city officials used the same tactic in 2017 with Measure C, a 1% sales tax increase that generates more than \$31 million annually. They then said the money would be used to address seven different issues (including homelessness, public safety, parks, and libraries-all of which are identified again). In reality, the money went into the general fund, just as Measure I money will, to be used for any purpose the city council wishes. Less than 7 years later, they have spent all of your money from Measure C and need more.

If you are on the fence about this measure, ask yourself two questions: have services improved since the City raised taxes by \$31 million per year in 2017? Do you really think \$15.6 million will FINALLY be enough? You know the answer. Vote NO on I.

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of Ballot Measure I2024 at the General Municipal Election for the City of Santa Barbara to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Gillian Christie
Owner, Gillian Christie Communications

/S/ Tony Becerra
Owner, Koei-Kan Karate of Santa Barbara

/S/ Erin Graffy
Consultant to Non-Profit Agencies

/S/ John Cox
Owner, East Beach Batting Cages

/S/ Myra Mahoney
Owner, Myra Mahoney Accounting Service

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE I2024
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

SBCTAC OPPOSES MEASURE I

The Santa Barbara County Taxpayer Advocacy Center (SBCTAC) strongly opposes Measure I which will increase YOUR sales tax.

Read the ballot language carefully. It looks as though this tax increase will be spent on basically EVERYTHING the city is already supposed to provide for us. That is too simple a rationale for why Santa Barbara must raise taxes.

This increase would take Santa Barbara's rate to 9.25%, compared to Goleta and Santa Maria at 8.75%, and Ventura at 7.75%. Costs have indeed increased, but why can't Santa Barbara make due like other Central Coast cities without seeking the highest sales tax in the region?

Santa Barbara hasn't demonstrated that cuts have already been made and that this tax increase is warranted. In fact, no other city in Santa Barbara County has a sales tax increase proposal on the ballot.

And, consider the contrast between Santa Barbara and Santa Maria:

Santa Maria is actually larger by 20,000 citizens, but its budget is \$346M vs \$577M, its salaries and benefits \$81M vs Santa Barbara's \$152M! How can Santa Maria operate a larger city with so much less money?

We all know the most regressive tax is the sales tax. It disproportionately hits the poor and middle class the hardest. This is an equity issue: in these trying times our less fortunate should not have to pay more at the gas pump or the store.

Already Santa Barbara is world-renowned as one of the most expensive places to live in America. Increasing the sales tax at this time is a hard hit for working Santa Barbarans!

Vote NO on Measure I.

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/S/ Tim Tremblay
Chairman, Santa Barbara County Taxpayer Advocacy Center

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Your **YES** vote on Measure I helps to protect our quality of life and independence from Sacramento's approximately \$50 billion deficit and its mandates that take away local control. 100% of Measure I stays in the City of Santa Barbara, providing critical dollars for public safety, truly affordable housing, libraries, parks and other essential services. Budget cuts due to statewide deficits will impact all of us, in particular our most vulnerable.

The question was asked, why is Santa Barbara more expensive to operate than Santa Maria? The answer is that Santa Barbara is a Full-Service city with its own police and fire departments, a harbor, airport, water and wastewater facilities, a desalination plant, libraries, parks and recreation. In other cities, many of these services are provided by Special Districts or non-existent, such as desalination or a commercial harbor.

Furthermore, Santa Barbara is an economic hub and tourism destination, meaning that approximately half of Measure I revenue would be generated by non-residents. Also food and medicines would not be taxed by Measure I.

The City has already trimmed its resources to the point where further cuts will dramatically impact our public safety, ability to build affordable housing and provide support services. Vote **YES** on Measure I to support a strong city that is independent of Sacramento.

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**FULL TEXT
MEASURE I2024
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF THE SANTA BARBARA ESSENTIAL LOCAL SERVICES TAX, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORS, BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 4.15 TO TITLE 4 OF THE SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and determines as follows:

A. The City provides general municipal services and facilities, such as police, fire, parks and recreation, streets, bridges, stormwater protection, libraries, youth and senior programs, a local housing trust fund, homeless services, and other general fund services that are vital to the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Santa Barbara.

B. The City's revenues are insufficient to fully provide general municipal services and facilities to fully provide general municipal services and facilities, including maintaining 9-1-1 emergency fire, paramedic, and police response, keeping neighborhood fire stations open, improving housing affordability, addressing homelessness, keeping public areas and parks safe and clean, maintaining library services, stormwater protection, improving natural disaster preparedness, retaining local businesses and jobs, and other general governmental uses at the level that is necessary or desirable at the level that is necessary or desirable.

C. The funding made available by this Chapter, together with other available revenues, generate approximately \$15,600,000 to enable the City to maintain its essential general municipal services and facilities and to make payments to its local housing trust fund.

D. The proceeds of the taxes imposed by this chapter may be used for any lawful purpose of the City, as authorized by ordinance, resolution, or action of the City Council or by ordinance adopted by the electorate of the City.

E. The tax established by this ordinance shall not be imposed until approved by the City's electors at an election called for that purpose as required by the California Constitution.

SECTION 2. Title 4 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is amended by the addition of Chapter 4.15 which reads as follows:

Chapter 4.15 SANTA BARBARA ESSENTIAL LOCAL SERVICES TAX

4.15.010 Short Title

4.15.020 Declaration of Findings

4.15.030 Purposes

4.15.040 Contract with State

4.15.050 Transactions Tax Rate

4.15.060 Place of Sale

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4.15.080 Adoption of Provisions of State Law

4.15.090 Permit Not Required

4.15.100 Exemptions and Exclusions

4.15.110 Amendments to State Law

4.15.120 Enjoining Collection Forbidden

4.15.130 Audit

4.15.140 Severability

4.15.150 Effective and Operative Dates

4.15.160 Definitions

4.15.170 Termination and Repeal

4.15.010 Short Title.

This Chapter shall be known as the Santa Barbara Essential Local Services Tax Act.

4.15.020 Declaration of Findings.

A. The City's revenues are insufficient to fully provide general municipal services and facilities, including maintaining 9-1-1 emergency fire, paramedic, and police response, keeping neighborhood fire stations open, improving housing affordability, addressing homelessness, keeping public area and parks safe and clean, maintaining library services, stormwater protection, improving natural disaster preparedness, retaining local businesses and jobs, and other general governmental uses at the level that is necessary or desirable.

B. The funding made available by this chapter, together with other available revenues, will enable the City to provide essential local services as described in subsection A, including contributing to the Local Housing Trust Fund, meeting budgeted operating expenses, acquiring necessary supplies, equipment, and materials, and maintaining and repairing City buildings, facilities, parks, and other property.

C. The proceeds of the taxes imposed by this chapter may be used for any lawful purpose of the City, as authorized by ordinance, resolution, or action of the City Council or by ordinance adopted by the electorate of the City.

4.15.030 Purposes.

This Chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

1. To impose a retail transaction and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2.

2. To adopt a retail transaction and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

3. To adopt a retail transaction and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the Department in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

4. To adopt a retail transaction and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of recordkeeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this Chapter.

4.15.040 Contract with State.

Before the operative date of this Chapter, the City will contract with the Board to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this chapter: provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the Board before the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract. The City Finance Director is authorized to execute contracts under this section.

4.15.050 Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of one-half percent of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this chapter. The tax imposed by this section is additional to the tax imposed under Chapter 4.14 of this Code.

4.15.060 Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this Chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his/her agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

4.15.070 Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this chapter for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one-half percent of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

4.15.080 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein, except as otherwise provided in Subsection B.

B. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted, therefore. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, State Board of Equalization, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California.

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the Board, or other agency or department of the State, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Chapter.

3. In those sections including but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797, or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

4.15.090 Permit Not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this Chapter.

4.15.100 Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transaction tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transaction or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transaction tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his or her agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this Chapter.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this Chapter.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Subsection, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this chapter, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.
2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.
3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this Chapter.
4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this Chapter.
5. For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this subsection, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
6. Except as provided in paragraph 7 of this subsection, a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.
7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this chapter may credit against that tax any transaction tax or reimbursement for transaction tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transaction tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

4.15.110 Amendments to State Law.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this chapter; provided, however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this Chapter.

4.15.120 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this chapter, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

4.15.130 Audit.

The proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to this Chapter, as well as the expenditure thereof, shall be audited annually by an independent accounting firm. The audit results may be combined with the audit of other City funds, so long as the proceeds are reported separately. The City Council shall discuss the results of such audit at a meeting of the City Council that is open to the public. The report of such audit shall be posted on the City's website.

4.15.140 Severability.

If any provision of this Chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

4.15.150 Effective and Operative Dates.

This Chapter relates to the levying and collecting of City transaction and use taxes and shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council. However, no tax imposed by this chapter shall be effective unless that tax has been approved by majority vote of the City electorate at an election as required by article XIII C, section 2(b) of the California Constitution and applicable law. Notwithstanding the effective date, this chapter and the tax imposed by it will be operative on the first day of the first quarter commencing 110 days after the date of the election at which the tax is approved (the "operative date").

4.15.160 Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the term "City" means the City of Santa Barbara and the term "Board" means the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

4.15.170 Termination and Repeal.

The authority to levy the taxes imposed by this Chapter shall be in effect until and unless this Chapter is repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of City transaction and use taxes and to an election called for the purpose of obtaining voter approval of the tax authorized by this ordinance. This ordinance is effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council. However, no tax imposed under the chapter adopted by this ordinance will be effective unless that tax has been approved by majority vote of the City electorate at an election as required by article XIIC, section 2(b) of the California Constitution and applicable law. It is the Council's intention, concurrently with the introduction of this ordinance, or as soon thereafter as is feasible, to adopt resolutions and take other actions necessary to place a measure to approve imposition of a transaction and use tax authorized by this ordinance on the ballot of the general election schedule for November 5, 2024.



ELECTION OFFICERS WANTED!

The County of Santa Barbara Elections Division is seeking volunteers to serve on Election Day, November 5, 2024.

Paid positions from \$220-\$350

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be available to work on Election Day, November 5, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Registered to vote in the State of California or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Bilingual Spanish speakers needed throughout the county. Chinese, Korean, and Tagalog speakers needed in certain areas.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

County of Santa Barbara Elections Division,
PO Box 61510, Santa Barbara CA 93160-1510
Phone: 1 (800) 722-8683 (press option 5),
Email: poll1@countyofsb.org; or
Website: countyofsb.org/1006/

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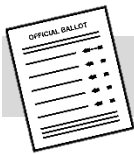
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Appendix C - Sample Ballot Information

Sample Ballots are available in English and Spanish. Sample Ballots may also be available in Chinese, Korean, and Tagalog depending on your precinct. Please see the Language Assistance section of this guide for more information.

How to Use the Sample Ballot

Use the Sample Ballot in this guide to review the contests and measures you will find on your official ballot. You may use the Sample Ballot as a “practice ballot” before you mark and vote your official ballot.

Notice to All Voters Regarding the United States Senate Contests

There are two United States Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election ballot.

- The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.
- The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

Party Endorsements for Voter-Nominated Offices – Submitted at the option of the Political Party

Not all parties submit endorsements and some parties may endorse a candidate from another party. A candidate’s party preference does not necessarily mean that they have that party’s endorsement or support.

The following political parties have submitted endorsements and have been listed below in the order of the County of Santa Barbara randomized alphabet drawing.

Office	Republican Party	American Independent Party	Democratic Party
U.S. Senator Full Term	No endorsement submitted	No endorsement submitted	Adam B. Schiff
U.S. Senator Partial/Unexpired Term	No endorsement submitted	No endorsement submitted	Adam B. Schiff
U.S. Representative District 24	Thomas Cole	Thomas Cole	Salud Carbajal
State Senator District 21	Elijah Mack	Elijah Mack	S. Monique Limón
Member of the State Assembly District 37	Sari M. Domingues	Sari M. Domingues	Gregg Hart

Sample Ballot

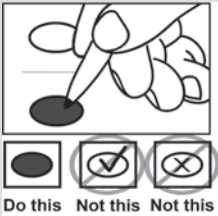
SAMPLE BALLOT

Ballot Type: 34

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

24TH CONGRESSIONAL, 21ST SENATE, 37TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Instructions for Voting



- To vote for a candidate, completely fill in the oval next to the candidate's name or the word "Yes" or "No."
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.
- If you make a mistake: contact the elections official for instructions or to obtain another ballot.
- Make sure your vote counts, use a Blue or Black ballpoint pen.
- Do not select more candidates than the number to be elected. You may vote in as many or as few contests as you want.
- A mistake in one contest does not affect the rest of the ballot.

Party-Nominated Offices	Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices	NONPARTISAN OFFICES
Candidates for these offices are the official nominee of the party displayed with their name.	Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval.	SCHOOL
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	UNITED STATES SENATOR	COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
President and Vice President	There are two U.S. Senate contests on this ballot. <ul style="list-style-type: none">One for the regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025 You may vote for both contests.	Governing Board Member Trustee Area 6
Vote for One Party	United States Senator Full Term	Vote for One
DONALD J. TRUMP For President JD VANCE For Vice President	STEVE GARVEY Party Preference: Republican Professional Baseball Representative	KATYA ARMISTEAD Student Affairs Professional
CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ For President KARINA GARCIA For Vice President	ADAM B. SCHIFF Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative	NICHOLAS SEBASTIAN Nonprofit Executive Director
KAMALA D. HARRIS For President TIM WALZ For Vice President	United States Senator Partial/Unexpired Term	Write-In
ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. For President NICOLE SHANAHAN For Vice President	STEVE GARVEY Party Preference: Republican Professional Baseball Representative	SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHASE OLIVER For President MIKE TER MAAT For Vice President	ADAM B. SCHIFF Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative	Governing Board Member Trustee Area 2
JILL STEIN For President RUDOLPH WARE For Vice President	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE	Vote for One
Write-In	United States Representative District 24	JOHN ROBERTSON Retired Educator
	THOMAS COLE Party Preference: Republican Campaign Data Analyst	SUNITA BEALL Appointed Governing Board Member, Santa Barbara Unified School District
	SALUD CARBAJAL Party Preference: Democratic Member of Congress	Write-In
	STATE SENATOR	MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
	State Senator District 21	STATE
	S. MONIQUE LIMÓN Party Preference: Democratic California State Senator	PROPOSITION 2 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond. Supporters: California Teachers Association; California School Nurses Organization; Community College League of California Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
	ELIJAH MACK Party Preference: Republican College Student	YES
	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY	NO
	Member of the State Assembly District 37	PROPOSITION 3 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MARRIAGE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends California Constitution to recognize fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. Fiscal Impact: No change in revenues or costs for state and local governments. Supporters: Sierra Pacific Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Equality California Opponents: Jonathan Keller, California Family Council; Rev. Tanner DiBella
	SARI M. DOMINGUES Party Preference: Republican Retired Business Analyst	YES
	GREGG HART Party Preference: Democratic State Assemblymember	NO

Sample Ballot

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT	
STATE			
PROPOSITION 4 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$400 million annually for 40 years to repay the bond. Supporters: Clean Water Action; CALFIRE Firefighters; National Wildlife Federation; The Nature Conservancy Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	PROPOSITION 34 RESTRICTS SPENDING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVENUES BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new rules on certain health care entities. Affected entities would pay fees to cover these costs. Supporters: The ALS Association; California Chronic Care Coalition; Latino Heritage Los Angeles Opponents: National Org. for Women; Consumer Watchdog; Coalition for Economic Survival; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Dolores Huerta	MEASURE Y2024 To modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms/school facilities; make health, safety/security improvements to improve the quality of education; acquire, construct/equip school sites/facilities, shall Hope Elementary School District's measure be adopted issuing \$40,300,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average \$2,500,000 annually as long as bonds are outstanding at a rate of approximately \$18.26 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, NO money for salaries and no money taken by the State?
		BONDS-YES <input type="radio"/>	
		BONDS-NO <input type="radio"/>	
PROPOSITION 5 ALLOWS LOCAL BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH 55% VOTER APPROVAL. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low- and middle-income Californians with 55% vote. Accountability requirements. Fiscal Impact: Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters. Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes. Supporters: California Professional Firefighters; League of Women Voters of California; Habitat for Humanity California Opponents: California Taxpayers Association; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; Women Veterans Alliance	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	PROPOSITION 35 PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services. Fiscal Impact: Short-term state costs between roughly \$1 billion and \$2 billion annually to increase funding for certain health programs. Total funding increase between roughly \$2 billion to \$5 billion annually. Unknown long-term fiscal effects. Supporters: Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists; American Academy of Pediatrics, CA Opponents: None submitted	COUNTY
		YES <input type="radio"/>	MEASURE H2024 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES MEASURE. To fund local services such as: maintaining 911 emergency communications; gang prevention; repairing deteriorating bridges, potholes, roads, transportation infrastructure; protecting groundwater; addressing homelessness; and general county services/purposes, shall the ordinance increasing Santa Barbara County's Transient Occupancy Tax (paid only by hotel/ short-term rental guests), in unincorporated areas (excluding cities), from 12% to 14%, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring public audits; all funds locally controlled, be adopted?
		NO <input type="radio"/>	
PROPOSITION 6 ELIMINATES CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ALLOWING INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends the California Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (<i>i.e.</i> , forcing incarcerated persons to work). Fiscal Impact: Potential increase or decrease in state and local costs, depending on how work for people in state prison and county jail changes. Any effect likely would not exceed the tens of millions of dollars annually. Supporters: Assemblymember Lori Wilson Opponents: None submitted	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	PROPOSITION 36 ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950, if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions. Fiscal Impact: State criminal justice costs likely ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Local criminal justice costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually. Supporters: Crime Victims United of California; California District Attorneys Association; Family Business Association of California Opponents: Diana Becton, District Attorney Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice	CITY
		YES <input type="radio"/>	MEASURE I2024 CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ESSENTIAL LOCAL SERVICES MEASURE. Shall the measure maintaining 9-1-1 emergency/fire/paramedic/police response, keeping neighborhood fire stations open; improving housing affordability; addressing homelessness; keeping public areas/parks safe, clean; maintaining library services; stormwater protection; improving natural disaster preparedness; retaining local businesses/jobs, and for general government use; by establishing a ½¢ sales tax providing approximately \$15,600,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, public spending disclosure, all funds used locally, be adopted?
		NO <input type="radio"/>	
PROPOSITION 32 RAISES MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Raises minimum wage as follows: For employers with 26 or more employees, to \$17 immediately, \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, to \$17 on January 1, 2025, \$18 on January 1, 2026. Fiscal Impact: State and local government costs could increase or decrease by up to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State and local revenues likely would decrease by no more than a few hundred million dollars annually. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: California Chamber of Commerce; California Restaurant Association; California Grocers Association	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	SCHOOL	
		YES <input type="radio"/>	
		NO <input type="radio"/>	
PROPOSITION 33 EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties. Fiscal Impact: Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities. Supporters: CA Nurses Assoc.; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; TenantsTogether Opponents: California Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	
			MEASURE P2024 SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE MEASURE PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION/ CAREER TRAINING WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES. To repair and update aging classrooms, labs, college/ career-training facilities providing affordable, high-quality education in science, engineering, math, nursing, technology/ skilled trades; and fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing/ electrical, shall Santa Barbara Community College District's measure be adopted authorizing \$198,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, without exceeding the previously approved \$8.50 per \$100,000 assessed value (providing \$13,255,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with oversight/ local control?
		BONDS-YES <input type="radio"/>	
		BONDS-NO <input type="radio"/>	



Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
 - ★ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
 - ★ at least 18 years old
 - ★ registered where you currently live
 - ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list. You will vote using a provisional ballot.**
Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,
Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office,
or at your polling place, or
Vote using a provisional ballot.
6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights or if you are aware of any fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

 On the web at sos.ca.gov

 By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

 By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

TIME OFF FOR VOTING

DIVISION 14. ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES

CHAPTER 1. Privileges of Voters

14000.

(a) If a voter does not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election, the voter may, without loss of pay, take off enough working time that, when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will enable the voter to vote.

(b) No more than two hours of the time taken off for voting shall be without loss of pay. The time off for voting shall be only at the beginning or end of the regular working shift, whichever allows the most free time for voting and the least time off from the regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

(c) If the employee on the third working day prior to the day of election, knows or has reason to believe that time off will be necessary to be able to vote on election day, the employee shall give the employer at least two working days' notice that time off for voting is desired, in accordance with this section.

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DID YOU SIGN AND PRINT YOUR RESIDENCE
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or fax to (805) 681-4003
Suggested Last Day to Mail: October 25, 2024



JOSEPH E. HOLLAND
COUNTY CLERK, RECORDER AND ASSESSOR
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX 61510
SANTA BARBARA CA 93160-1510



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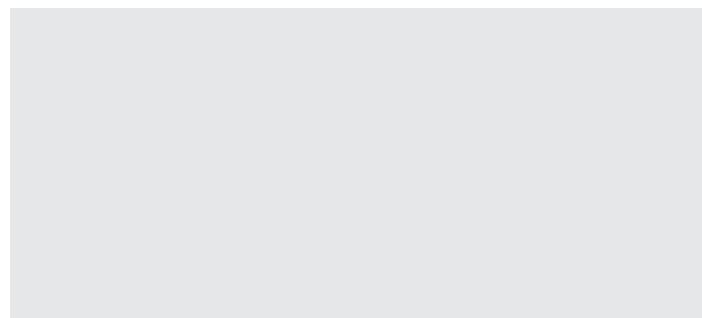
**YOUR POLLING PLACE
LOCATION**



If "No" appears below, your
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to voters with specific needs.
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**BALLOT
TYPE 034**



**You will automatically be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot for the
November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election.**

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APPLICATION FOR ELECTION MATERIAL PREFERENCES

Due no later than October 29, 2024

Only return this application if you are requesting the following
(check all that apply):

ELECTION MATERIALS

☐ **Marque esta casilla para recibir información de la
elección en español.
Check this box to receive election information in
Spanish.**

County Voter Information Guide (CVIG)

I no longer want to receive my CVIG by mail.

☐ **I would like to receive an electronic notification
when the CVIG is available online for all future
elections. (Email address required)**

**If available in my precinct, please send me a facsimile
copy of a ballot in:**

☐ 如果本選區可以提供，請寄給我一份中文版選票 (Chinese)

☐ 우리 선거구에서 제공된다면 한국어로 된 투표용지를
저에게 보내주십시오. (Korean)

☐ Kung mayroon sa aking presinto, mangyaring padalhan
ako ng isang balota sa Tagalog. (Tagalog)

I would like to receive accessible election material:

☐ **In large print format** ☐ **As an audio file**

Please Print Clearly:

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Date of Birth: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Email (Required for CVIG): _____

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct.

**SIGN
AS
REGISTERED**

IMPORTANT: Each applicant must sign own signature.

Date: _____

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