

## **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 <a href="https://www.voterstatus.sos.ca.gov">woterstatus.sos.ca.gov</a>.



#### 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.** 

<u>In person</u>: 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.

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#### 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
Calata	Goleta City Hall	130 Cremona Dr.	W
Goleta	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 City Hall (Near utility payment drop box)	100 Civic Center Plaza	D, W
1	Lompoc Public Library	501 E. North Ave.	W
Lompoc	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 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
Santa Barbara	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
	Atkinson Park Community Center	1000 N. Railroad Ave.	W
Santa Maria	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 <u>sbcvote.com</u>.

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#### 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 <u>votebymail2@countyofsb.org</u> 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 <u>sbcvote.com</u>.

**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.

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#### 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 <u>not</u> "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 <a href="mailto:sbcvote.com/RAVBM">sbcvote.com/RAVBM</a> or when you review your voter information on My Voter Status webpage at <a href="woterstatus.sos.ca.gov">voterstatus.sos.ca.gov</a>, or
- Via Email: Email your request to <u>votebymail2@countyofsb.org</u>, 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 <u>postmarked</u> 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### 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 determino 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

올해선거에선 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.

투표할때도움이필요하신경우귀하의고용주또는조합의대표인이아닌사람최대두명과투표소에동행하실수있습니다.가족이나친구와함께오세요!

#### 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 pinagtratrabahuan o ng iyong unyon. Magdala kayo ng miyembro ng pamilya o isang kaibigan!

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#### **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.

<u>Carpinteria Area</u> (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

<u>Santa Maria Area</u> (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**

Disability
Rights
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

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#### Appendix A - Information about Candidates

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

Local Candidates: <u>sbcvote.com</u> Statewide Candidates: <u>sos.ca.gov</u>

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.

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#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24

SALUD CARBAJAL Age: 59

Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal, and I'm working to advance our Central Coast priorities in Congress.

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.

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.

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.

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.

I would be honored to continue working for you in Congress.

For more information, visit SaludCarbajal.com.

I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.

**Occupation: Member of Congress** 

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR United States Representative District 24

THOMAS COLE Age: 67

**Occupation: Data Analyst** 

**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.

Do you want a country that fights endless wars?

Do you want \$200 billion of your tax dollars sent to Ukraine while our homeless veterans die on the streets?

Do want a nation that has open borders?

Do you want schools that have men competing against your daughters and in their showers?

Do you want a nation where bicoastal political and media elites and tech barons prosper while you can't afford basic necessities?

And, do you want continuing inflation destroying your paycheck, doubling the price of food and gas and your mortgage payment?

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.

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.

And, government should be providing the things we cannot do ourselves, like border security, infrastructure and national defense.

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.

It's time for a change. I will be that change. Learn more at thomascoleforcongress.com

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#### 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

CS-1401-1-ENG SR 094-011

#### 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.

CS-1465-1-ENG SR 094-012

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR Mayor City of Solvang DAVID BROWN Occupation: Business Owner Education and Qualifications: As your Mayor, I would proudly serve the City of Solvang for the next 2-year term. Serving as the current Councilman for Solvang's 3rd District, and Mayor pro-tem, I have the knowledge and experience to lead and preserve our beloved City. I am a native of California and living in the Santa Ynez Valley for the past 33 years. I am proud to call Solvang home for both business and family for the past decade. Community involvement and volunteering is one of Visit my website for more specifics at my passions. www.SolvangMayor.com. I have been a businessman and entrepreneur my whole life, mostly in the real estate industry. Being self-employed allows me to allocate sufficient time to the duties and responsibilities required as your mayor. If elected as your Mayor, I will do my utmost in honoring and protecting our history and foundation, while navigating a future and community that is accountable, responsive, innovative, and inspires a passion for Solvang's present and future generations. It would be an honor to have your vote and support on November 5th.

CS-4100-1-ENG SR 094-013

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR Member of the City Council, District 2 City of Solvang **CLAUDIA ORONA** Occupation: Business Owner Education and Qualifications: I would be honored to have your vote to represent you as Solvang resident of district 2. As an incumbent I've learned much about how the city runs, and would like to continue to represent our residents so that their voices are heard in local government. I have been a resident of the Santa Ynez Valley since 2008, and of Solvang since 2015. I co-own a business in downtown Solvang with my family, and participate in many fundraisers, cultural, and civic events. I am very grateful of being able to thrive in Solvang along with my family, and would like future generations to be able to live, work, and play here as I have. As a city that depends on tourism for most of its budget, it's important that we balance the needs of our residents while we also welcome visitors. Aside to my dedication to our business and public service, I am a member of the Solvang Rotary Club, I enjoy dance and theater arts, and use my culinary arts experience for philanthropic work. Thank you for your support.

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#### 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**.

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## 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 guestion 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

PR-9035-1-ENG SR 094-016

## 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	8/1/2024

County 1st District Supervisor

#### 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

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## 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 MEASURE H2024 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).
- 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.
- B. 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!** 

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the 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 rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

/S/ Laura Capps County 2nd District Supervisor	8/9/2024
/S/ Steve Lavagnino County 5th District Supervisor	8/9/2024

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## 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.

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## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY MEASURE E2024 CITY OF SOLVANG

If approved by the voters, Measure E, also known as the Solvang Tourism Enhancement and Mitigation Measure, would amend the Solvang Municipal Code to increase the tax rate paid by temporary occupants of hotel and other transient lodging rooms ("TOT") by two percent. The current TOT rate is twelve percent (12%). This measure would set the TOT rate at fourteen percent (14%). The Solvang City Council voted to put Measure E on the ballot.

At the new rate, for example, a hotel stay costing the guest \$100 would generate a tax of \$14 instead of the current \$12. The TOT is not a tax paid by the hotel or motel owner, or by any Solvang residents who are not hotel/lodging guests, but is paid by the temporary, or "transient", occupant. The owner of the hotel or motel does have a duty to both collect the TOT from the occupant and to pay the TOT to the City of Solvang.

This measure requires all proceeds of the TOT to be deposited into the City's General Fund to be used for such general municipal governmental purposes as the City Council shall direct. Among such purposes are tourism-related services, pothole, street, and sidewalk repair, traffic safety, parking relief, senior, adult, and youth recreation programs, and 911 response. It is estimated that this measure will generate an additional \$1,000,000.00 or more annually from the hotel visitors who will pay the TOT.

The TOT rate proposed by this measure will only become effective if approved by a majority of the City voters voting on the measure.

A YES vote approves the measure. A NO vote rejects the measure.

/S/ Chelsea O'Sullivan Chelsea O'Sullivan City Attorney, City of Solvang

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure E. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (805) 688-5575 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also view the measure at

https://www.cityofsolvang.com/DocumentCenter/View/4961/R-2024-1261-TOT-measure

or request an electronic copy by sending an email to aporter@cityofsolvang.com.

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#### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E2024 CITY OF SOLVANG

Measure E2024 is Solvangs LOCAL tourist tax. A YES on E2024 vote generates money for us that is 100% PAID BY TOURISTS/lodging guests visiting Solvang. Measure E2024 is NOT a tax on Solvang residents or homeowners.

Even better, every penny is ONLY FOR SOLVANG-not the County, State, or anyone else!

Tourists visiting our community should pay their fair share for the costs they create so we aren't the ones shouldering the costs.

YES on E2024 protects Solvang's Safety by maintaining the police services and 911 response times that prevent crime and save lives.

YES on E2024 protects Solvang's Quality of Life and our Property Values by ensuring local funding for our City parks, senior/youth recreation programs, and the community events that bring families together.

YES on E2024 provides traffic safety and parking relief and fixes our streets, roads, and sidewalks.

YES on E2024 gives Solvang LOCAL CONTROL over local funds for local needs to allow the City to continue to be self-reliant in emergencies and challenging times. All money is required to be spent right here, for our services. NO money can be taken by the County or Sacramento.

All funds generated by YES on E2024 are subject to STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS including public spending reports, an independent citizen's oversight committee and annual independent financial audits.

Measure E2024 is accountable to you, the Solvang taxpayer. Again, here's what Measure E2024 WON'T do:

- Measure E2024 is NOT a tax on your home or property.
- Solvang residents who are NOT hotel/lodging guests in our community, WON'T be taxed.

This is a long ballot with many candidates and measures on it. Don't forget to find Measure E2024 and vote YES-all money for Solvang, none of it paid by us.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure E2024 at the General Municipal Election for the City of Solvang 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/ Aaron Petersen Owner of Chomp Restaurant & Coffee Shop	7/20/2024
/S/ Edwin Hans Skytt Motel Owner	7/20/2024
/S/ Kim Jensen Owner Ingeborg Chocolate Shop	7/22/2024
/S/ Jamie Baker Owner of Space VR	7/24/2024
/S/ Daniel G Cassara Owner of Cassara Winery	7/26/2024

#### REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E2024 CITY OF SOLVANG

It is OK to VOTE NO on E2024

LOWER BED TAXES= HIGHER OCCUPANCY= MORE REVENUE

A local hotel owner pointed out, "San Francisco's TOT is 14%, San Diego is 10.5%. San Diego earns more TOT revenue than San Francisco. Tourists know when they are being ripped off."

Give Solvang the competitive advantage by keeping costs lower for our overnight guests.

More overnight guests improve restaurants, shopping, employment, wages, and revenue to the city.

TOT has always been Solvang's own tax. We have strict local control. This is nothing new.

More hotels are coming. The city is already on track for substantial increased revenue at the existing rate.

The current bed tax already funds city services. This increase is another tax grab because they think it will pass.

VOTE NO on E2024

The wish list items (911 emergency and police services, public space improvements, recreation and senior programs, potholes and street repairs, fire safety, traffic flow studies) have ALREADY been funded by the November 2022 Measure U sales tax increase.

There are no specific restrictions for roads or improvements. This tax goes to the general fund - unrestricted. Think unrestricted spending, unfunded retirement, and expensive consultants.

Mismanagement of city funds is not a valid excuse for raising taxes.

None of the tax paid by us? Incorrect. We all pay. Fewer visitors, decreased quality businesses and restaurants, poorer building maintenance, fewer employees, fewer services, and increasing expenses to Solvang residents

#### It is OK to VOTE NO ON E2024

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of Ballot Measure E2024 at the General Municipal Election for the City of Solvang 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/ Dan Nielsen Motel Owner, Bed Tax Collector and Payor	8/5/2024
/S/ Allan Jones Concerned Businessperson and Community Volunteer	8/5/2024
/S/ Jake Rodriguez Businessperson and Parent	8/5/2024
/S/ Barney Hanly	8/5/2024

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#### ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E2024 CITY OF SOLVANG

VOTE NO on Measure E2024

Save Solvang's economy.

Hotel and restaurant employees get hurt. Visiting families, already stretched by inflation, are being crushed with taxes.

The City of Solvang has collected \$6,037,067 in bed tax (TOT) FYE to date, on target for \$6.5M fiscal year Jul 23 - Jun 24. The budgeted tax for this period was \$4,900,000. Why does the city need to increase a tax that is already at 123.21% of the budgeted amount? It doesn't.

VOTE NO on Measure E2024.

The City of Solvang wants to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from 12% to 14% on overnight visitors. This is not a 2% increase but a 16.67% increase.

Why VOTE NO?

This is a tax sold to you as paid only by the tourist. Don't be fooled. A decline in tourism harms the entire economy resulting in less tax revenue - meaning we all pay.

The city has not provided a compelling need for increased tax revenue.

The most basic municipal services should not require an election generated revenue source. They must be priority number one, not threatened by a tax on tourists. Wasn't the sales tax increase passed in 2022 supposed to solve this?

A NO VOTE keeps the City leaders disciplined to live within their budget just like the rest of us.

People do question the fees on their hotel bill. Ask any hotelier or front desk person.

A 14% rate exceeds other communities such as Lompoc 10% and Santa Maria 10%, making Solvang less attractive to overnight guests.

Attract the tourist, then tax them unknowingly! Not good long term or for positive reviews.

It is never enough. There will be another attempt to raise taxes because this one did not raise enough.

#### VOTE NO on E2024

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument against Ballot Measure E2024 at the General Municipal Election for the City of Solvang to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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/S/ Jake Rodriguez Businessperson and Parent	7/30/2024
/S/ Dan Nielsen Motel Owner, Bed Tax Collector and Payor	7/30/2024
/S/ Allan Jones, Concerned Businessperson & Community Vo	7/30/2024 lunteer

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E2024 CITY OF SOLVANG

If we learned anything from the pandemic, it's that visitors value our unique community character and the experience that they can only get here in Solvang.

VISITORS SHOULD PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE for the services they use and that benefit residents including:

- · Traffic safety/ parking relief
- · Maintaining streets/ fixing potholes
- Completing deferred maintenance of streets, roads, sidewalks/ City facilities
- · Maintaining City parks
- Maintaining 911 emergency response
- Maintaining City funded Community/ Special Events
- · Maintaining senior, adult, youth recreation programs

Measure E-2024 DOES NOT TAX RESIDENTS – it is solely paid by visitors to hotels and lodging in our City and addresses the local impacts of tourism.

Voting YES on E-2024 keeps our taxpayer dollars LOCAL—the County cannot take these funds! Measure E-2024 will bring our hotel tax rate in line with neighboring and similar communities but will benefit Solvang residents specifically.

The City did extensive outreach with the community before placing Measure E-2024 on the ballot and in a community survey conducted earlier this year over 75% of residents said they would support this visitor paid source of local funding.

Solvang continues to be a prudent fiscal steward of taxpayer funding and Measure E-2024 includes spending reports to make sure the funds are spent to benefit Solvang.

That's why local businesses like Ingeborg's Danish Chocolates, Space Virtual Reality experience, Casa Cassara Winery and Vineyard, Chomp Restaurant and Coffee Shop and local hotel and motel owners support Measure E-2024.

Vote YES on Measure E-2024 for Solvang!

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument against Ballot Measure E2024 at the General Municipal Election for the City of Solvang to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Owner Birkholm's Bakery	8///2024
/S/ Tony Trad Owner Tony's Smoke Shop	8/7/2024
/S/ Geoff Yarema Chair, Measure U Independent Oversight Committee	8/7/2024
/S/ Jean-Paul Demeure Demeure Construction	8/7/2024

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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

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### Sample Ballot

#### **SAMPLE BALLOT**

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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

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Candidates for these office	es are the officia	al	Nonpartisan Office			ICES
nominee of the party displaname.	ayed with their		Candidates display a party preference	ce (or	SCHOOL	IOATION.
			None) for the information of voters. a party endorsement or approval.	This is not	COUNTY BOARD OF EDU	JCATION
PRESIDENT AND VIC		T			Governing Board Member Trustee Area 4	
President and Vice Presi	dent		UNITED STATES SENATO	DR		Vote for One
	Vote for One	Party	There are two U.S. Senate cor on this ballot.	ntests	PATRINA JONES Technician	$\bigcirc$
DONALD J. TRUMP For President	Republican	$\bigcirc$	One for the regular 6-year	r term	recimician	
JD VANCE	Поравлоан		<ul><li>ending January 3, 2031</li><li>One for the remainder of</li></ul>	the	GUY R. WALKER	
For Vice President			current term ending Janu		Financial Advisor	
CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ		$\bigcirc$	You may vote for both contes	ts.		
For President  KARINA GARCIA	Peace and Freedom		United States Senator		Write-In	
For Vice President			Full Term	ote for One	CITY	
KAMALA D. HARRIS		$\bigcirc$	STEVE GARVEY		CITY OF SOLVAN	IG.
For President	Democratic		Party Preference: Republican Professional Baseball Representative		Mayor	
TIM WALZ For Vice President			ADAM B. SCHIFF			
ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.			Party Preference: Democratic	$\circ$	DENICE EL AMINI	Vote for One
For President	American	$\bigcirc$	United States Representative		<b>DENISE EL AMIN</b> Behavior Wellness Commissioner	$\bigcirc$
NICOLE SHANAHAN For Vice President	Independent		United States Senator Partial/Unexpired Term			
				ote for One	JAMIE BAKER Business Owner/Writer	$\bigcirc$
CHASE OLIVER For President	Libertarian	$\bigcirc$	STEVE GARVEY Party Preference: Republican	$\bigcirc$	Dadings owner, which	
MIKE TER MAAT			Professional Baseball Representative		DAVID BROWN	
For Vice President			ADAM B. SCHIFF Party Preference: Democratic	$\bigcirc$	Business Owner	
JILL STEIN	Croon	$\bigcirc$	United States Representative			$\circ$
For President RUDOLPH WARE	Green		UNITED STATES REPRESENT	ATIVE	Write-In	
For Vice President			United States Representative		Member, City Council	
		$\bigcirc$	District 24	ote for One	District 2	Vote for One
			THOMAS COLE		CLAUDIA ORONA	
			Party Preference: Republican Campaign Data Analyst		Business Owner	
Write-In			SALUD CARBAJAL			
			Party Preference: Democratic			
			Member of Congress		Write-In	THE VOTERS
			STATE SENATOR State Senator		MEASURES SUBMITTED TO	THE VUIERS
			District 21		STATE	
				ote ioi one	PROPOSITION 2 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC	SCHOOL AND
			S. MONIQUE LIMÓN Party Preference: Democratic	$\circ$	COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES STATUTE. Authorizes \$10 billion in ge	
			California State Senator		bonds for repair, upgrade, and constru	ction of facilities
			ELIJAH MACK Party Preference: Republican	$\bigcirc$	at K-12 public schools (including charte community colleges, and career techni	ical education
			College Student		programs, including for improvement o safety conditions and classroom upgra	
			MEMBER OF THE STATE ASS	EMBLY	annual audits.  Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of	·
			Member of the State Assembly District 37		million annually for 35 years to repay the	he bond.
					<b>Supporters:</b> California Teachers Asso School Nurses Organization; Commun	
			SARI M. DOMINGUES	$\bigcirc$	League of California  Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers	
			Party Preference: Republican Retired Business Analyst		- FF	
			GREGG HART			YES 🔾
			Party Preference: Democratic State Assemblymember	_		NO 🔾

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## **Sample Ballot**

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS STATE	PROPOSITION 33 EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL	CITY CITY OF SOLVANG
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	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;	MEASURE E2024 Solvang Tourism Enhancement and Mitigation Measure. To continue funding for Solvang tourism related services, such as: pothole, street/ sidewalk repair; traffic safety, parking relief; senior, adult/ youth recreation programs; 911 response; and general government use, shall the City adopt a measure increasing Solvang's existing transient occupancy (hotel) tax charged to hotel guests only, by 2% until ended by voters, providing an additional \$1,000,000 annually, that cannot be
Foundation; Equality California  Opponents: Jonathan Keller, California Family Council;	Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce	taken by Sacramento, with citizens' oversight, independent audits?
Rev. Tanner DiBella  YES	YES 🔾	YES 〇
NO O	NO 〇	NO 〇
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 NO	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	
PROPOSITION 5	YES 🔾	
ALLOWS LOCAL BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH 55% VOTER APPROVAL. LEGISLATIVE	NO 🔾	
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	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.	
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	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	
NO O	YES (	
PROPOSITION 6	NO O	
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	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	
YES 🔾	<b>Opponents:</b> Diana Becton, District Attorney Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice	
NO O	-	
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	NO COUNTY  MEASURE H2024	
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	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	
YES O	(excluding cities), from 12% to 14%, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually until ended by	
NO O	voters; requiring public audits; all funds locally controlled, be adopted?	
	YES O	

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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

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#### **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.
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#### **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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#### **DIVISION 14. ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES CHAPTER 1. Privileges of Voters**

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- (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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YOUR POLLING PLACE LOCATION



If "No" appears below, your polling place is inaccessible to voters with specific needs. See Accessible Voting page for options.

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Due no later than October 29, 2024

Only return this application if you are requesting the following (check all that apply):	Please Print Clearly:	
ELECTION MATERIALS	Name:	
Marque esta casilla para recibir información de la		
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County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) I no longer want to receive my CVIG by mail.	Mailing Address (if different):	
I would like to receive an electronic notification when the CVIG is available online for all future	Email (Required for CVIG):	
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If available in my precinct, please send me a facsimile copy of a ballot in:	SIGN	
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