

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-101**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A MEASURE WHICH WOULD CONTINUE THE CITY'S EXISTING 2% UTILITY USERS' TAX ON GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES UNTIL IT IS ENDED BY VOTERS, ENTITLED "CARSON ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE"; AND, IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE SUBMISSION OF THIS MEASURE AT THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Carson desires to submit to the voters at a General Municipal Election on November 8, 2022, a ballot measure to consider adopting a proposed ordinance which continues the City's existing 2% utility users' tax on gas and electric utilities, a general tax, beyond July 1, 2023, until it is ended by voters ("UUT Measure");

**WHEREAS**, approving the UUT Measure requires approval of the majority of voters (50%+1) at either a general or special municipal election; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Carson is authorized and directed by statute to submit to the voters the foregoing ballot measure, and the City Council therefore wishes to have the voters consider the same at a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General election to be held on the same date and that within the City of Carson, the precincts, polling places and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**     Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.**     Call of Election; Submission to Voters. That pursuant to the requirements of the California Elections Code Sections 306, 9222 and 1301, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Carson, California, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Carson an ordinance which continues the City's existing 2% utility users' tax on gas and electric utilities until it is ended by voters and which is a general tax. The measure shall be entitled the "CARSON ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE." The City's designated elections official is hereby

authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the proposition, or this resolution as required to conform to any requirements of law.

**Section 3.** Ballot Label/Question. That the City Council of the City of Carson hereby orders the following measure be submitted to the voters at the aforementioned general municipal election:

CARSON ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE. To maintain services such as 911 emergency response/public safety; natural disaster/public health emergency preparedness; protect local drinking water; repair streets/potholes and other general City services, shall the measure, continuing the existing 2% Utility Users Tax (no tax increase) limited to electric/gas utilities, exempting senior and low-income households, providing approximately \$8,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring public spending disclosure, all funds for Carson, be adopted?	YES
	NO

**Section 4.** Text of Proposed Ordinance. That the text of the proposed ordinance for the UUT Measure as provided above that is to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit “A” to this Resolution (“Ordinance”). The City’s designated elections official is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the Ordinance, or this resolution as required to conform to any requirements of law.

**Section 5.** Passage Requirement. That the vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50% +1) of the votes cast.

**Section 6.** City Elections Official Authorized. That the City’s designated elections official is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

**Section 7.** Form and Content of Ballot. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law, and that the election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

**Section 8.** Opening of Polls. Pursuant to California Election Code Section 10242, the polls for the General Municipal Election shall open at seven o’clock a.m. on the day of the election, and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o’clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as otherwise provided in California Election Code Section 14401.

**Section 9.** Applicable Law. That in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the General Municipal Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating municipal and statewide elections.

**Section 10.** Notice. That notice of the time and place of holding the General Municipal Election is hereby given and the City’s designated elections official is authorized, instructed and

directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form and manner required by law.

**Section 11.** Request for Consolidation. That pursuant to Sections 10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the submission of the aforementioned measure at the General Municipal Election with the election conducted by Los Angeles County to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

**Section 12.** Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Authorized. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used.

**Section 13.** Request to Authorize Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to Carry out Election. That the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to take any and all necessary steps for the holding of this consolidated election.

**Section 14.** Election Costs. That the City of Carson recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by Los Angeles County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County for any costs.

**Section 15.** Filing with the County. That the designated elections official is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters.

**Section 16.** Certification; Effective Date. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 21st day of June, 2022.

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Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

**Exhibit “A”  
Ordinance**