

RESOLUTION NO. 20-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DRAFTING OF DIRECT ARGUMENTS, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, REGARDING A CITY MEASURE, ENTITLED CARSON ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, the City Council of the City of Carson, under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Carson, called for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, and requested consolidation of the same with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has a transient occupancy tax at the rate of 9%, which is a general tax; and

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Carson, California, on November 3, 2020, at which there will be submitted to the voters a ballot measure to consider increasing the transient occupancy tax by 3% (i.e., from 9% to 12%) ("TOT Measure") and the City Council has approved the submission thereof to the voters at the consolidated November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election;

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

Section 1. That pursuant to Election Code §§ 9282 and 9287, the City Council hereby authorizes the following council members to prepare a written argument for the TOT Measure:

Section 2. That in the event that more than one argument for or against the TOT Measure is timely submitted, the City Council's duly appointed elections official shall give preference and priority first, to arguments submitted by a member of the City Council, as authorized by this Resolution, and second, to individual voters, bona fide associations, or a combination thereof, in the order set forth at California Elections Code § 9287.

Section 3. That in accordance with the requirements of Division 9, Chapter 3, Article 4 of the California Elections Code, all written arguments for or against the TOT Measure: (1) shall not exceed three hundred (300) words in length; (2) shall be filed with the City's designated elections official; (3) shall be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of the principal officers who is the author of the argument; and (4) shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to be Filed by Author(s) of Argument as provided for in California Elections Code § 9600. All written arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City's designated elections official, after which time no arguments for or against the TOT Measure may be submitted to the elections official.

Section 4. That the City Council hereby directs the City's designated elections official to transmit a copy of the TOT Measure to the City Attorney. In accordance with California Elections Code § 9280, the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the governing body of the city. In the event the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (insert telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City's designated elections official for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 5. That the City's designated elections official shall cause the City Attorney's Impartial Analysis, and duly selected arguments, to be printed and distributed to voters in accordance with State law regarding same.

Section 6. 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 4th day of August, 2020.

Albert Robles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk of the City of Carson, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Carson, at a regular meeting of said Council held on August 4, 2020 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk