

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO CITY VOTERS AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL FOR ANY SALE, LEASE, LEASE EXTENSION, LEASE RENEWAL, LAND SWAP OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED OR USED BY THE CITY AS A PUBLIC PARK OR COMMUNITY SERVICE AMENITY (THE "PUBLIC LANDS FOR PUBLIC USE ACT"); REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND ELECTION SERVICES FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY; DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS; AND SETTING PRIORITIES FOR BALLOT ARGUMENTS

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2014, proponents of an initiative titled "Public Lands for Public Use Act" filed a Notice of Intent to circulate a petition to modify the City's municipal code by requiring prior voter approval for any sale, lease, lease extension, lease renewal, land swap, or transfer of property owned, leased, or used by the City as a public park or community service amenity; and

WHEREAS, proponents began circulating the petition for signatures on or about February 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2015, City Council requested preparation of a report pursuant to Elections Code Section 9212 on the impacts of the proposed initiative ordinance, to be provided to City Council at the time the Certificate of Sufficiency for the petition of signatures was presented; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2015, the initiative petition was filed with the Office of the City Clerk and the City Clerk, as the city elections official, determined there were a sufficient number of signatures to proceed, and requested the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) to provide services for verification of signatures; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2015, the City received a Certificate of Sufficiency from the ROV indicating the petition contained a sufficient number of valid signatures for submission to the voters at the City's next regular election; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2015, the City Council took action to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency, and received and considered the “Report on Impacts of the ‘Public Lands for Public Use Act’ Initiative prepared under Elections Code Section 9212”; and

WHEREAS, City Council took action to order the submission of the initiative ordinance, without alteration, to the voters at the next general municipal election to be held on November 8, 2016, and directed staff to return at the appropriate time to complete the steps necessary to order an election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the voters a measure concerning “Public Lands for Public Use Act” Initiative; and

WHEREAS, whenever two or more elections of any legislative or congressional district, public district, city, county or other political subdivision are called to be held on the same day, in the same territory, or in territory that is in part the same, such elections may be either completely or partially consolidated pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, and Section 5342 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10002 empowers the City Council to request the assistance of the County Registrar of Voters to provide election services to the City and the City Council intends to call a General Municipal Election on November 8, 2016, and for the consolidation of that election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. GENERAL ELECTION. A General Municipal Election hereby is called to be held in and for the City of Sunnyvale on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City the below-designated measure.
2. MEASURE. The City Council hereby submits to the voters of the City, at the General Municipal Election called for November 8, 2016, the following measure:

CITY OF SUNNYVALE MEASURE __	
Shall an ordinance be adopted amending the municipal code to require a citywide special or general election requesting approval from a majority of voters for any sale, lease, lease extension, lease renewal, land swap, or transfer to or from other parties of any property, facility, or land that the City owns, leases, or uses for public parks or as a community service amenity, which includes places primarily used for government administration, recreation, exercise, or enjoyment?	YES
	NO

3. **ADOPTION OF MEASURE.** In the event a majority of the electors voting on the measure set forth above vote in favor thereof, the Sunnyvale Municipal Code shall be amended to read as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein, effective upon the date of filing.
4. **NOTICE OF ELECTION.** Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given, and the City Clerk hereby is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters 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.
5. **CONSOLIDATION REQUEST.** Pursuant to the requirements of Part 3 (Consolidation of Elections; §§10400 et seq.) of Division 10 of the Elections Code, the City Council hereby requests the governing body of any other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such elections, and to further provide that, upon consolidation, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots opened and returned, returns canvassed, and all other proceedings in connection with the election shall be regulated and done by any body or official authorized to perform such functions and canvass the returns of the elections; and that this City Council consents to such consolidation.
6. **REQUEST FOR COUNTY SERVICES.** Pursuant to Section 10002 of the California Elections Code, the City Council hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara to permit the Registrar of Voters to render services to the City of Sunnyvale relating to the conduct of Sunnyvale's Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Services shall be of the type normally performed by the Registrar of Voters in assisting the clerks of municipalities in the conduct of elections including, but not limited to, those certain services set forth in Section 4 hereof.
7. **ELECTION COSTS.** Subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the foregoing requests, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to engage the services of the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara to aid in the conduct of the election. The City Director of Finance is authorized and directed to pay the costs of services, provided that no payment shall be made for services which the Registrar of Voters is otherwise required by law to perform.
8. **BALLOT AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR MEASURE.** Primary and rebuttal arguments for the measure may be filed consistent with Elections Code Section 9282, *et seq.*

9. **BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE.** The Council hereby selects the following course of action regarding arguments against the measure [*Council to select one of the following concurrent with adoption of resolution*]:
- a. Authorizes the City Council as a body to submit a written argument against the measure, and in the event an argument is filed for the measure, a rebuttal argument.
 - b. Authorizes [#] member(s) of the City Council to submit a written argument against the measure: [one or more name(s)]. At [Name(s)] discretion, the argument may also be signed by other members of the City Council, bona fide associations, or individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. In the event that an argument is filed for the measure [Name(s)] is also authorized to submit a rebuttal argument on behalf of the City Council, which, at [Name(s)] discretion, may also be signed by members of the City Council, bona fide associations, or individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. Signatures on the rebuttal argument may be different from those who signed the primary argument.
OR
 - c. Takes no action with regard to authorizing the Council, or member or members of the Council to submit a written argument against the measure; in which case the City Clerk shall select an argument against the measure in accordance with the priority order set forth in Elections Code section 9287.
10. **IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS.** Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure.
11. **TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors, the County Registrar of Voters and the County Clerk of the County of Santa Clara.
12. **EXEMPTION FROM CEQA.** The City Council finds, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(3), that this resolution is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that it is not a Project because it is a voter-sponsored initiative measure.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RECUSAL:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk
(SEAL)

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney