

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ORDERING THAT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 26980, *et seq* provides that a county board of supervisors may establish the Office of Director of Finance by ordinance if approved by the votes of the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt is dedicated to maintaining stringent fiscal accountability standards; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt must ensure the Treasurer-Tax Collector and Auditor-Controller are professionally trained and qualified; and

WHEREAS, making only authorized, legal payments; ensuring timely, accurate property tax billing/payments; and posting monthly financial reports for public review are ongoing priorities for the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt's offices of the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax-Collector currently function as independent offices led by officials elected by the voters of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 26980, *et seq.* allows the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance, following voter approval, creating an appointive Office of Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to submit a question to establish the Office of the Director of Finance to voters of the county on the March 5, 2024 ballot; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby calls a special election to submit to the electors of Humboldt County whether the offices of the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be combined into an appointive Office of the Director of Finance, with a ballot question stated as shown in Attachment 1 to this resolution.
2. The date of the election shall be March 5, 2024, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of Humboldt County, for the purpose of allowing the voters in Humboldt County to vote on a measure described herein.
3. The election called by this resolution shall be, and is hereby ordered to be, consolidated with the statewide election to be held on March 5, 2024.
4. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Humboldt County Registrar of Voters render any and all services specified under law, for which services the Board agrees to reimburse upon full presentation of a bill for such services.

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5. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrative Officer, or a designee thereof, to take all administrative actions necessary to accomplish the orders set forth in this resolution.

6. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

Dated: November 28, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors --
NAYS: Supervisors --
ABSENT: Supervisors --
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

By NIKKI TURNER
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California

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Attachment 1 to Resolution No. _____

Measure __, Humboldt County Fiscal Accountability and Financial Management Act. To maintain stringent fiscal accountability standards and ensure the Treasurer/County Auditor is professionally trained/qualified, shall the County of Humboldt consolidate the offices of Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector into one department led by an appointed, professionally qualified Director of Finance responsible for making only authorized and legal payments; ensuring timely and accurate property tax billing and payments; and requiring posting of monthly financial reports for public review?	YES	
	NO	