



RESOLUTION 2020-10

CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON A PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE THE CITY OF TRINIDAD'S ¾% (.75%) TRANSACTION AND USE (SALES) TAX FOR 4-YEARS

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad is one of the smallest cities in the State of California. With a population of 367, the City has a very limited tax source of revenue, and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad is visited yearly by thousands of tourists and many residents of surrounding communities. While visitors to the City support the local economy and commerce, residents in the surrounding communities contribute greatly to many of the civic activities in the City, and

WHEREAS, the high volume of visitors relative to the small number of city residents places a very high burden on services provided by City's General Fund. These services include, but are not limited to, police and fire protection, street and public facility services, park, trail and environment maintenance and protection, and services provided by the Town Office. Additionally, the City also provides significant supporting services of police and fire protection to its surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, additional revenue is needed so that the General Fund can meet the increased service demands, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, citizens of Trinidad approved an increase of transaction and use tax by 1% for four years to increase the General Fund reserve, and in 2008, 2012, and 2016 the majority of citizens of Trinidad voted in favor of extending the transaction and use tax by ¾% (.75%) for an additional four years. Now, the Trinidad City Council proposes to extend this increase by four more years to continue to support the capability of the General Fund to provide these services,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trinidad City Council as follows:

1. The following Sales Tax measure Ballot Question shall be submitted before the voters at the General Election to be held on November 03, 2020:

"Shall a ¾ cent transaction and use tax be continued in the City of Trinidad for four years, starting on April 1, 2021"

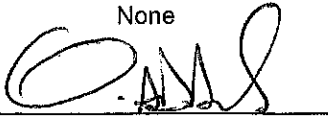
2. Municipal Code Codification: Upon approval of the foregoing question by a simple majority vote (50% + 1), the City shall adopt the Sales Tax Extension Measure.
3. Jurisdictional Boundaries and Administration: The Sales Tax increase would be collected only within the City limits of Trinidad and be administered by the California State Board of Equalization; and
4. Impartial Analysis: The City Attorney is directed to draft an impartial analysis of the measure.
5. Further Actions: The City Clerk is directed to take all action, including public notice, and publication of the measure as required by elections law to place the measure on the November 03, 2020 ballot.
6. Election Services: The City of Trinidad shall request consolidation of this election with the County Elections Office and shall reimburse the County in full for the services rendered to conduct said election.

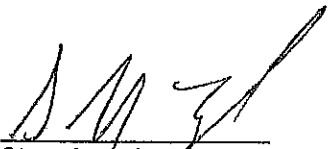
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL, of Humboldt County of the State of California on June 23, 2020.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Trinidad City Council by the following vote:

Ayes: West, Miller, Ladwig, Grover, Davies
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Attest:


Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk


Steve Ladwig
Mayor