



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item #: 15
Meeting Date: January 10, 2018

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THRU: ANTON DAHLERBRUCH, CITY MANAGER /s/
FROM: LAUREN PETTIT, DEPUTY CITY CLERK /s/
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF A CERTAIN MEASURE RELATED TO AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX TO FINANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION R18-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING (A) WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) REGARDING A CITY MEASURE AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION R18-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION R18-08

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2018

ISSUE/PURPOSE

Shall the City Council adopt the necessary Resolutions ordering the submission to the City’s voters on April 10, 2018 a special (parcel) tax measure to fund the Palos Verdes Estates’ local and independent community based Police Department with an annual parcel tax of \$342 plus

20¢ per square foot of building improvements annually for 9 years and requiring a Citizens Financial Oversight Committee and annual financial audits, setting priorities for filing written arguments and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis, and requesting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to provide services for the election?

BACKGROUND

The City of Palos Verdes Estates has benefited from a voter approved tax to pay for and maintain essential community services. The tax, approved four times since 1980 provided necessary funding for a variety of civic needs including public safety services. For the past 20 years, the tax was specifically dedicated to paying the cost of fire and paramedic services.

At the City's municipal election on March 7, 2017, the question of extending the tax for 12 additional years was before voters. The tax, which generates \$5 million a year, required 66.67% voter approval. The measure received 60% approval and thus failed. Therefore, the City no longer receives the (parcel) tax. The tax revenue covered approximately 25% of the entire operating budget for City services.

Following the election, mindful of the City's fiscal situation, the City Council initiated several actions.

1. An Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Vandever and Council Member Kao, in collaboration with Treasurer Lozzi, conducted a detailed, line-item review of each Department budget. The review ultimately resulted in the City Council's adoption of the 2017-18 fiscal year budget with one-time reductions of \$1,271,733, fund transfers of \$1,529,246, and use of fiscal reserves in the amount of \$1,471,078.
2. An Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Vandever and Mayor Pro Tem Peterson coordinated a neutral, independent evaluation of the Police Department's services in relation to the community's priorities, costs, and operational efficiencies. The study, conducted by Lewis-McCrary Partners (Mike McCrary), identified a variety of organizational and service-level changes for enhancing the Department and reducing Police Department costs. Subsequently, City staff provided the City Council with a list to achieve 10% savings in the Police Department, and at its meeting of November 28, 2017, the City Council identified and directed full implementation of \$580,307 of savings with direction to consider an additional \$100,000 in savings at its meeting in January.
3. An Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Pro Tem Peterson and Council Member King, in collaboration with Treasurer Lozzi, is coordinating a neutral, independent study of the City's non-public safety operations and services. The findings and recommendations of the evaluation, being conducted by the Matrix Consulting Group, is expected to be presented to the City Council on January 23, 2018.
4. A User and Regulatory Fee Analysis (also known as a User Fee Study) was completed to identify the City fees that can be increased to be commensurate with the cost of providing services to the public. With the goal of achieving 100% cost recovery on building permit-related fees, a Public Hearing is scheduled for implementing fee adjustments.

5. The City collaborated with the Davenport Institute to build a culture and relationship with the community for civic engagement. Community engagement efforts will continue with the development of a work plan based on the findings and recommendations of the Davenport Institute. With the endorsement of the Davenport Institute, the City will also be launching this month enhanced services that provide direct public access to City documents and financial records.
6. A new Finance Advisory Committee consisting of residents is being established for the purpose of providing the City Council with fiscal input, advice and/or recommendations regarding the status of the City budget, long-range projections, and financial issues. Applications for serving on the Committee are being received until 4:00 p.m. on January 19; following the application period, interviews will be scheduled.
7. An Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member King and Davidson is addressing the concept of conducting a new election to make up for the loss of necessary funding for maintaining City services. The City Council retained Tramutola LLC (Larry Tramutola) on May 23, 2017 to provide input and guidance into the discussion and decision-making process. Mr. Tramutola was in attendance at the meeting.

On July 11, 2017, October 10, 2017 and December 11, 2017, the City Council discussed the potential for an election and ballot measure language. Mr. Tramutola attended these meetings and a September 7, 2017 workshop with the City Council and several community meetings.

Based on the City Council's input at the time and further consultation with the Ad Hoc Committee, Resolution R18-06 (Attachment A) represents the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation for ballot measure language to present to voters on April 10, 2018. Resolution R18-07 (Attachment B) establishes priorities for written arguments and calls upon the City Attorney to prepare the impartial analysis of the ballot measure. Resolution R18-08 (Attachment C) requests the necessary services from Los Angeles County for holding a special election.

DISCUSSION

For fiscal year (FY) 2017-18, total City revenue is budgeted to be \$16,115,326. Total City expenses are budgeted to be \$23,227,443. As a component of the total City budget, General Fund revenue for providing the current, reduced level of service is \$13,843,481 in comparison to operational costs of \$17,504,935. ([FY 2017-18 Budget](#)). Through the temporary, one-time measures noted above, basic City services are maintained for FY 2017-18¹. However, to provide and maintain City services in the future, it is necessary for the City to replace the revenue that was lost with the failure of Measure D. Most specifically, if the residents desire to maintain the local Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, \$5 million is necessary to balance the budget.

¹ To reduce expenditures, the FY 2017-18 budget does not set aside funding for future infrastructure replacement or maintenance, reduces current-year infrastructure projects, does not allocate funding for equipment replacement, and relies on fiscal support from other Funds and Reserves.

The Police Department is \$7,142,338 of the City's operating budget. As the largest cost center, the Police Department is the City's only significant service and program that can be reduced for achieving a measurable savings in the budget. The cost saving alternative to a local, independent Police Department is a contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. However, it is not clear how much savings could be achieved under a contract with the Sheriff's Department immediately or in the future. As such, contracting with the Sheriff's Department will also not completely solve the City's current financial crisis, and residents should be made aware that services under the Sheriff's Department will not be the same as those provided by the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department.

In reference to solving the City's fiscal situation, is not clear how much savings would result under a contract with the Sheriff's Department.

1. If the City of Palos Verdes Estates desires to maintain its community programs (PVE Cares, Disaster Preparedness District program, etc.) concurrent with having a contract with the Sheriff's Department, it would be necessary for the City to hire the personnel to operate and manage them. These are not programs provided by the Sheriff's Department.
2. Among public agencies, public safety costs are relatively similar². As such, if it would be possible to contract for the exact same level of service and services that are currently provided by the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, it would not likely result in large cost savings.
3. Under a contract with the Sheriff's Department, the City of Palos Verdes Estates would still have the responsibility for existing pension liabilities. For retirees or personnel who move to other cities in the CalPERS system, the City will retain responsibility for the pension associated with their time working at the City of Palos Verdes Estates. Moreover, it is not known if the City would be able to pass forward its pension obligations to the Sheriff's Department for the Police Officers that are hired by the Sheriff's Department; if the City is able to absolve itself of the pension obligation, in all likelihood, the City would be responsible for paying the Sheriff's Department to cover them.
4. The City of Palos Verdes Estates would have little, if any, control over annual increases in contract costs for maintaining basic level services.
5. To transition from the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department to the Sheriff's Department is estimated to take at least one-year. The timeframe takes into account the time for the Sheriff's Department to assess services and contract costs, contract negotiations, and for the City and Sheriff's Department to implement a transition plan.

Services under the Sheriff's Department, as compared to the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, would also be different for a variety of reasons:

1. The City of Palos Verdes Estates hires, trains, evaluates and establishes the priorities of its Police Officers. Under a contract with the Sheriff's Department, the City will only be evaluating whether the Sheriff's Department meets the terms of the agreement.

² The City of Palos Verdes Estates actually has a lower Police salaries than other cities. ([Salary Comparison](#)).

2. Palos Verdes Estates Police Officers know the community. They are familiar with the residents, recognize what is typical or atypical in the community, and know street locations given that there are no street lights, etc. The Sheriff's Department will have Deputies from all over the County patrolling neighborhoods who may not develop the same connectivity and awareness.
3. The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department has a 3 minute emergency response time from the point when a call is received in Dispatch to arriving on the scene. The Sheriff's Department emergency response time is 5 to 7 minutes.³
4. In a disaster, the Police Chief and City Manager will work with the City Council to prioritize and allocate resources and responses. Palos Verdes Estates will have an Emergency Operations Center where the Police Chief will be stationed. In contrast, the Los Angeles County Sheriff (Chief McDonnel) or the local Captain (Captain Beringer in Lomita) will decide for Palos Verdes Estates how to respond to the City's situation. The Sheriff's Department will establish a Field Command to which the City can send a representative for information and communications.
5. Under a contract with the Sheriff's Department, a City buys a minimum number of patrol hours.⁴ Other services, such as Detectives, jail, and presence at community events, are embedded in the hourly rate. The availability of the embedded services is determined and scheduled through the Sheriff's Department Captain who will be balancing Palos Verdes Estates' needs and priorities of other contract cities.

In consideration of the information above, direction is requested for scheduling a special election on April 10, 2018 for voters to consider maintaining the independent, local Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. In correlation to this, direction is requested to establish priorities for written argument, have the City Attorney prepare the impartial analysis of the ballot measure, and request necessary services from Los Angeles County for holding a special election.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of conducting an election on April 10, 2018 is \$71,766. The cost of an election is appropriated and in the budget.

In reference to the City's long-standing formula used to calculate the last parcel tax, the amount of tax on the March 2017 ballot for maintaining services, and having a parcel tax constantly since the 1980s to provide public services, the proposed parcel tax is not new; it is consistent

³ For the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, the response time is Pre-Dispatch (call received by Dispatcher before it is dispatched to officer): 52 seconds (*plus*) Officers' Response: 2:16 minutes. The Sheriff's Department response time to the neighboring cities on the hill ranges from approximately 5 to 7 minutes; this is after "Pre-Dispatch," or in other words, from the point in time after the call is input into the Sheriff's Department computer and the call is transmitted to the Sheriff Deputy.

⁴ The complement of Sheriff Deputies can be enhanced at more cost to the City in order to receive additional public safety support.

with the past parcel tax. The impact of voters not approving a \$5 million parcel tax measure will be significant to the City and most directly result in defunding the local, independent Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. In turn, the City would enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to lower public safety costs.

NOTIFICATION

This item was noticed in accordance with City policy and practice.

ALTERNATIVES

The proposed ballot measure was developed from discussions among the Ad Hoc Committee and from input received at City Council and community meetings. It is to provide necessary, minimum-level funding for maintaining current services at this time. The amount to be generated by the proposed ballot measure is commensurate with the funding received from the parcel tax, and the formula used to calculate the parcel tax, that has been in place since the 1980s. The proposed ballot measure identifies the Police Department for funding by the parcel tax because the Police Department is the City's largest cost center and because it is the most significant service and program where budget reductions can be achieved. The alternative to a local, independent Police Department is a contract with the Sheriff's Department. In this regard, the alternatives to the City Council include modifying the amount to be generated by the proposed parcel tax and/or modifying the specified use of the funds generated by a successful ballot measure.

April 10, 2018 has been identified for a municipal election in order to not conflict with a potential bond measure that was projected by the Palos Verdes Unified School District. The alternative in fiscal year 2017-18, to receive tax revenue within fiscal year 2018-19, is an election on June 5, 2018. The date by which a June 5, 2018 municipal election must be called is March 9, 2018. As the gubernatorial primary, the June 5, 2018 election is likely to have a crowded ballot with potentially several statewide bond and tax-related measures including, for example, ACA 5 providing for protection of transportation funding, SB 5 pertaining to a Park/Water Bond, SB 3 for a Housing Bond, and a measure to repeal transportation funding for cities.

Presented for approval are the Resolutions necessary for an April 10, 2018 election with the ballot question and text of the parcel tax measure, priorities for filing written arguments, and request to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for providing services for the election. As an alternative, the City Council may modify them.

In summary, the alternatives available to the City Council include:

1. Approve the Resolutions as presented for calling a special election on April 10, 2018.
2. Modify and approve the Resolutions.
3. Not approve the Resolutions and thus not call for a special election on April 10, 2018.

CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolutions ordering the submission to the City's voters on April 10, 2018 a special (parcel) tax measure to fund the Palos Verdes Estates' local and independent community based Police Department with an annual parcel tax of \$342 plus 20¢ per square foot of building improvements annually for 9 years and requiring a Citizens Financial Oversight Committee and annual financial audits, setting priorities for filing written arguments and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis, and requesting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to provide services for the election.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Resolution R18-06 Calling for Election
- B - Resolution R18-07 Authorizing Written Arguments and Preparation of an Impartial Analysis
- C - Resolution R18-08 Requesting County Services for a Special Election

RESOLUTION NO. R18-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF A CERTAIN MEASURE RELATED TO AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX TO FINANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION R18-06

WHEREAS, a Special election on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 has been called by Resolution No. R18-06, adopted by the City Council on January 10, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to submit to the voters at the election a question relating to an ordinance to continue a levy of a special parcel tax to finance law enforcement services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does order submitted to the voters at the Special Municipal Election the following question(s):

<p>“To fund the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, shall an ordinance be adopted approving an annual parcel tax of \$342 plus 20¢ per square foot of building improvements, generating approximately \$5 million annually for 9 years and requiring a Citizens Financial Oversight Committee and annual financial audits?”</p>	<p>YES</p>
	<p>NO</p>

SECTION 2. That the proposed measure submitted to the voters is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. That the vote requirement for the measure to pass is 2/3, (.666%) of the votes cast by qualified voters of the City voting in the election on this issue.

SECTION 4. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 5. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City

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

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2018.

JAMES VANDEVER, Mayor

ATTEST:

LAUREN PETTIT, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney

Exhibit A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA,
LEVYING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES SPECIAL TAX, AUTHORIZING THE CITY
OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES TO ADJUST SPENDING LIMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION BY THE AUTHORIZED AMOUNT OF
SERVICES SPECIAL TAX, AND REQUIRING ANNUAL REVIEW BY A CITIZEN
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The People of the City of Palos Verdes Estates hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Imposition of Tax.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 3.7 of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code (Sections 53720-53730) and the California Constitution, - Articles XIII A, Section 4 and XIII D, Section 3(a)(2), there is hereby levied and assessed a Law Enforcement Services Special Tax, as defined in California Government Code §53721, by the City of Palos Verdes Estates for each of the nine fiscal years commencing with fiscal year 2018-2019 and ending with fiscal year 2026-2027. For purposes of this ordinance a “parcel of property” shall mean any contiguous unit of improved or unimproved real property held in separate ownership, including, but not limited to any vacant property, commercial property, single family residential property, any condominium unit as defined in California Civil Code §783, or any other unit of real property subject to the California Subdivided Lands Act (Business and Professions Code §§110000 et seq.).

SECTION 2. Use of Revenue.

- (a) The sole purpose of this ordinance is to raise revenues for law enforcement services in the City of Palos Verdes Estates. Use of the revenue generated by the parcel tax is restricted to obtaining, providing, operating, and maintaining local and independent community based law enforcement services throughout the entire City, which shall include paying the salaries and benefits of police personnel, upgrading technology and safety equipment, maintaining response times, paying for any such other necessary law enforcement expenses and paying the direct costs in levying this tax.
- (b) The proceeds from this ordinance shall be used only for the purposes identified in subsection (a) of this Section.
- (c) Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the City Finance Director shall create a separate account into which all revenue raised by this ordinance shall be placed.
- (d) The City Finance Director shall file a report with the City Council no later than July 1, 2019, and at least once a year thereafter which shall contain both of the following: (i) the amount of funds collected and expended under this ordinance; and (ii) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded to carry out the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of this Section 2.

SECTION 3. Calculation of Amount.

- (a) The tax imposed by this ordinance shall be a tax upon each parcel of property and the tax shall not be measured by the value of the property.

- (b) For fiscal year 2018-2019, the annual amount of the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax shall be determined for each parcel of property by calculating the following sum: (1) the amount of Three Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$342.00) (the – “Base Amount”) for each lot within such parcel of property, plus twenty cents (\$0.20) (the – “Improvement Amount”) for each square foot of building improvements located on such parcel of property as of January 1, 2018.
- (c) For each fiscal year after fiscal year 2018-2019, the maximum annual amount of the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax for each parcel of property shall be determined by adding the Base Amount for each lot within such parcel of property to the Improvement Amount multiplied by the number of square feet of building improvements, as such lots and improvements exist as of January 1 of the fiscal year.
- (d) For the purposes of this Chapter, the term “Building Improvement” shall mean any “structure” ”erected” on the parcel of property, as those terms are defined in Chapter 17.08 of the Palos Verdes Estates Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. Determination of Lots and Building Improvements. The records of the City of Palos Verdes Estates shall be utilized to determine the number of lots within any parcel of property. The records of the Los Angeles County Assessor shall be used to determine the amount of building improvement located on a parcel of property, provided, however, that the records of the City of Palos Verdes Estates Building Department may be utilized as necessary should there be a discrepancy between the records of the Los Angeles County Assessor and the actual amount of building improvement on a parcel of property.

SECTION 5. Exempt Property. The Law Enforcement Services Special Tax shall not be imposed upon a federal or state governmental agency, any local public agency, or any parcel of property which is exempt from ad valorem taxes by any other applicable law.

SECTION 6. Time and Method of Payment of Special Tax.

- (a) The Law Enforcement Services Special Tax shall be due in two equal installments in accordance with the collection procedures of the Los Angeles County Tax Collector, and shall be collected in the same manner, subject to the same penalties and interest, and on the same applicable dates as established by law for the due dates for the other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the County of Los Angeles on behalf of the City of Palos Verdes Estates. The County of Los Angeles may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for such services before remittal of the balance to the City of Palos Verdes Estates.
- (b) The Law Enforcement Services Special Tax, together with all penalties and interest thereon, shall constitute a lien upon the parcel of property upon which it is levied until it has been paid, and said special tax, together with all penalties and interest thereon, shall until paid, constitute a personal obligation to the City of Palos Verdes Estates by the person(s) who own the parcel of property on the date said special tax is due.

SECTION 7. Administration of Tax. The City Council by not less than three (3) affirmative votes, is empowered:

- (a) To establish the amount of the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax levy annually each fiscal year in amounts not to exceed the maximum amounts specified in Section 3 of this ordinance as is required to provide an adequate level of law enforcement services in the City in accord with the purposes set forth in this ordinance;
- (b) To sit as a Board of Equalization under procedures to be adopted by the City Council to equalize inequities and reduce hardships created by the literal application of this ordinance, and such shall be deemed an administrative remedy;
- (c) To annually provide an official Assessment Book designating the actual tax levy on each parcel of property and to place the same on file in the office of the City Clerk. In connection therewith, in those instances where building improvements are located on more than one lot within a parcel of property, the City Council may designate a single one of such lots as the lot upon which such building improvements shall be considered to be located for purposes of administering this ordinance;
- (d) To amend this ordinance as necessary to permit the Los Angeles County Tax Collector or any other duly designated public official to collect a special tax such as is levied by this ordinance in conjunction with other County taxes, or in order to assign duties established by this ordinance to other officers as otherwise permitted by law, or to modify procedures required by this ordinance, for the sole purpose of levying and/or collecting a special tax in an amount not to exceed that permitted by Section 3 of this ordinance to be used solely for the purposes permitted by Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Appropriations Limit Increase. Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the appropriations limit for the City of Palos Verdes Estates shall be increased by the maximum projected aggregate collection authorized by levy of this Law Enforcement Services Special Tax, as determined by Section 3 of this ordinance, in each of the years in which this ordinance remains in effect.

SECTION 9. Unexpended Revenue. The unexpended residue of any money raised by the City under this ordinance may only be (i) used in the succeeding year for the purposes stated in this ordinance by lowering the next year's tax by the amount unexpended, or (ii) returned to the taxpayers on the same pro rata basis as originally levied.

SECTION 10. Fiscal Accountability. A five member citizen committee comprised of members appointed by the City Council must annually review and audit expenditures of revenues derived from the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax. The results must be included in the City's annual audit and reviewed by the City Council at a publicly noticed meeting.

SECTION 11. Severance Provisions. If any provision(s) of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council and the electorate by referendum do hereby declare that they would have adopted this ordinance and each section,

subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. Effective Date; Expiration. If this ordinance is approved by at least two-thirds of those voters casting ballots on the measure at the election, then this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following the date the vote is declared by the City Council in accordance with Elections Code §9217. This ordinance will expire nine (9) years after the Effective Date, provided, however, that the provisions of this ordinance relating to the collection of the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax and/or the enforcement of any liens for a tax imposed hereunder (for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2026-2027) have been completed.

SECTION 13. Amendment or Repeal. Notwithstanding the City Council's authority as provided in Section 3(d), upon becoming effective, this ordinance may only be amended or repealed by approval of two-thirds of the voters casting ballots on such amendment or repealed at a duly called initiative or referendum election.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING (A) WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) REGARDING A CITY MEASURE AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS.

WHEREAS, a Special Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, on April 10, 2018, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

“To fund the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, shall an ordinance be adopted approving an annual parcel tax of \$342 plus 20¢ per square foot of building improvements, generating approximately \$5 million annually for 9 years and requiring a Citizens Financial Oversight Committee and annual financial audits?”

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council authorizes any or all members of the City Council to file (a) written argument(s) In Favor of City measure(s) not exceeding 300 words, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California. The arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk (January 24, 2018) after which no arguments for or against the City measure may be submitted to the City Clerk.

The arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(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 its principal officers who is the author of the argument. The arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement To Be Filed By Author(s) of Argument supplied by the City Clerk.

SECTION 2. That the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney.

a. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure not exceeding 500 words showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure

b. The analysis shall include a statement indicating that the measure was placed on the ballot by the governing body of the City.

c. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk (January 24, 2018) for the filing of primary arguments.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-07

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON _____, 2018.

JAMES VANDEVER, Mayor

ATTEST:

LAUREN PETTIT, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. R18-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018.

WHEREAS, a Special Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, on April 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in the course of conduct of the election it is necessary for the City to request services of the County; and

WHEREAS, all necessary expenses in performing these services shall be paid by the City of Palos Verdes Estates;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the provisions of § 10002 of the Elections Code of the State of California, this City Council requests the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to permit the County Election Department to prepare and furnish the following for use in conducting the election:

1. A listing of county precincts with number of registered voters in each, so city may consolidate election precincts into city voting precincts, and maps of the voting precincts;
2. A list of polling places and poll workers the county uses for their elections;
3. The voter record of the names and address of all eligible registered voters in the City in order that the City's consultant may:
 - a. Produce labels for vote-by-mail voters;
 - b. Produce labels for voter information guides;
 - c. Print Rosters of Voters and Street Indexes;
4. Voter signature verification services as needed;
5. Make available to the City election equipment and assistance as needed according to state law.

SECTION 2. That the City shall reimburse the County for services performed when the work is completed and upon presentation to the City of a properly approved bill.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is directed to forward without delay to the Board of Supervisors and to the County Election Department, each a certified copy of this resolution.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

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