

COUNTY OF MARIN

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Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

NEW SINCE THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot, starting October 7th

- Return it by mail, into an Official Drop Box, or to a Vote Center, see next pages

You may vote in person at any one of 21 Marin Vote Centers

- Vote Centers replaced polling places in 2022
- Vote Centers are open for more days, see next page for times and locations

Marin County Elections Department
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 121
San Rafael, CA 94903
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www.marinvotes.org



IN-PERSON VOTING

Vote at a Vote Center if you need a replacement ballot, did not register by October 21 deadline, prefer to vote in person or on an accessible ballot marking device. Voting is accessible at all locations.

Vote Centers will be open as listed below

- You may vote at any location, Drop Boxes at all locations
- November 5, 2024, all 21 Vote Centers open 7 am to 8 pm

**AVOID
LINES**
Vote early or
by mail

| 26-Day: Weekdays, Oct 7 to Nov 5; Weekends, Oct 26 - 27 and Nov 2 - 3 | | | Pre-Election Day Hours | |
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| SAN RAFAEL | Marin County Elections Dept | 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 121 | Weekdays: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Weekends: 9 am - 5 pm (Election Day: open 7 am to 8 pm) | |
| 11-Day: Oct 26 to Nov 5 | | November 5 (Election Day) open 7 am to 8 pm | Pre-Election Day Hours | |
| MARIN CITY | Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center | 640 Drake Ave | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| NOVATO | United Methodist Church | 1473 S Novato Blvd | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| SAN GERONIMO | San Geronimo Valley Community Center | 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| 4-Day: Nov 2 to Nov 5 | | November 5 (Election Day) open 7 am to 8 pm | Pre-Election Day Hours | |
| FAIRFAX | Women's Club | 46 Park Road | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| KENTFIELD | Saint Sebastian's Catholic Church | 373 Bon Air Road | 10 am - 6 pm | |
| LARKSPUR | Redwoods Presbyterian Church | 110 Magnolia Ave | November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: noon - 8 pm | |
| MILL VALLEY | Homestead Valley Community Center | 315 Montford Ave | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| MILL VALLEY | Tam Valley Community Center | 203 Marin Ave | 8 am - 4 pm | |
| NOVATO | City Hall | 901 Sherman Ave | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| NOVATO | Hamilton Community Center | 503 South Palm Drive | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| NOVATO | Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church | 1110 Highland Drive | November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: 11 am - 7 pm | |
| NOVATO | School District Offices | 1015 7th Street | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| PT. REYES STATION | West Marin Health & Human Services Center | 1 Sixth Street | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| SAN ANSELMO | American Legion Hall | 120 Veterans Place | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| SAN RAFAEL | Health & Human Services Wellness Center | 3240 Kerner Blvd | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| SAN RAFAEL | First Presbyterian Church | 1510 5th Ave | November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: noon - 8 pm | |
| SAUSALITO | City Hall | 420 Litho Street | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| TIBURON | Westminster Presbyterian Church | 240 Tiburon Blvd | 9 am - 5 pm | |
| 2-Day: BOLINAS | | Community Center | 14 Wharf Road | November 4th: 9 am - 5 pm Election Day, November 5: 7 am - 8 pm |
| 1-Day: SAN RAFAEL | | Albert J. Boro Community Center | 50 Canal Street | open Election Day only November 5: 7 am - 8 pm |

Vote by Mail

Ballots mailed starting October 7

All active registered voters will get a ballot in the mail.

Allow 7-10 days for delivery.

Ballot Packet

Includes ballot, instructions and postage-paid return envelope. Date and sign your return envelope.

Return ballot using one of these options:

1. Into an Official Drop Box - see below
2. Mail your ballot - must be postmarked on or before November 5 and received by November 12.
A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to their return ballot envelope by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate.
Also: Informed delivery is a great tool – it's free! Sign up online: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>
3. At a Vote Center - see bottom of page

Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

Open October 8 to Election Day November 5

On Election Day Drop Boxes close precisely at 8:00 pm as required by law

Exterior sites available, 24 hour drop off

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| Belvedere City Hall | 450 San Rafael Ave (lower level) |
| Bolinas Community Center | 14 Wharf Rd |
| Corte Madera Recreation Center | 498 Tamalpais Dr |
| Kentfield - College of Marin, Diamond Physical Education Center | 700 College Ave |
| Marin City Library | 164 Donahue St |
| Mill Valley City Hall | 26 Corte Madera Ave |
| Mill Valley Community Center | 180 Camino Alto (parking lot) |
| Novato City Hall | 901 Sherman Ave |
| Point Reyes Station - West Marin Health & Human Services Center | 1 Sixth St |
| San Anselmo Town Hall | 525 San Anselmo Ave |
| San Rafael - Albert J. Boro Community Center | 50 Canal St |
| San Rafael - Marin County Civic Center North Archway drive-up South Archway walk-up | 3501 Civic Center Dr (on Vera Schultz Dr) (on Peter Behr Dr) |
| Sausalito City Hall | 420 Litho St (parking lot off Bee St) |

Interior sites available during regular business hours, 8 am to 5 pm

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| San Rafael - Marin County Civic Center Middle Archway lobby | 3501 Civic Center Dr (Judge Haley Dr) |
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Vote Center Drop Boxes

Each Vote Center will have a vote-by-mail Drop Box. See Vote Center page for open days and hours, or check marinvotes.org.



INFORMATION

Candidate Endorsements by Qualified Political Parties

Political Party Endorsements are published pursuant to California Elections Code Sec. 13302(b). Parties may endorse candidates for voter-nominated offices.

| Party/Offices | Candidates |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Republican Party U.S. Representative District 2 State Assembly District 12 | Chris Coulombe Andy Podshadley |
| Democratic Party U.S. Senate (Full Term) U.S. Senate (Partial/Unexpired Term) U.S. Representative District 2 State Assembly District 12 | Adam Schiff Adam Schiff Jared Huffman Damon Connolly |
| American Independent Party State Assembly District 12 | Damon Connolly |

No other parties submitted endorsements.

Source: State political party central committee notification letters to Registrar of Voters as of August 14, 2024. Parties are listed in order according to the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by Marin County on August 15, 2024.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE PLEDGE

The following candidates for California State Assembly District 12 have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code Sec. 85400 and may publish a 250-word statement of qualifications in this voter guide. Candidates are listed in order according to the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by Marin County on August 15, 2024.

Andy Podshadley, REP
Damon Connolly, DEM

Office of United States Senate



There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot.

The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.

The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

Information on Electioneering and the Voting Process

WARNING:

ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

“Electioneering” is defined as “the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot” and is prohibited within 100 feet of the entrance to the building that contains a polling place or vote center and within 100 feet of an outside location, such as a ballot drop box. (Elections Code section 319.5) For additional information on the prohibitions of electioneering, please visit our website at www.marinvotes.org

WARNING:

CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

For additional information on what constitutes corruption of the voting process, please visit our website at www.marinvotes.org



Don't be late!

Did you know that a top reason why we can't count a ballot is because of a late postmark? Return your ballot before Election Day.

Voting Options



- Vote by Mail using the ballot sent to you
- In Person at any Vote Center
- Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

Refer to pages printed in this guide for more information.

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November 5, 2024, General Election

Marin County, 2nd Congressional, 2nd Senate, 12th Assembly

Instructions to Voters: At vote center, use pen provided. By mail, use a ball point pen with blue or black ink. NO RED INK. NO PENCIL.

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the candidate's name, like this .
- To vote for only the number of candidates allowed for each office.
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the blank line for that office and write the name of the person on the line. (Qualified means a person who has filed to be a write-in candidate.)
- To vote on a proposition or measure, fill in the oval to the left of YES or NO, like this .
- If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, ask an election worker for another ballot. Vote by mail voters call the Elections Office at 415-473-6456 for instructions.
- Keep your vote secret. Do not sign or initial your ballot. Do not mark your ballot outside of the ovals.

| MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| District Twelve Candidates to the Assembly | Party Preference: |
| Vote for One (1) | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> ANDY PODSHADLEY | Wineemaker / Business Owner |
| <input type="radio"/> DAMON CONNOLLY | DEM |
| California State Assemblymember | |
| NONPARTISAN OFFICES | |
| SCHOOL | |
| Marin County Board of Education Board of Education Member, Trustee Area Seven | |
| Vote for One (1) | |
| <input type="radio"/> JILL MANNING SARTORI | Trustee, Shoreline Unified School District |
| <input type="radio"/> DENISE BOHMAN | Trustee, Lagunitas School District |
| <input type="radio"/> | |
| Marin Community College District Governing Board Member, Trustee Area Seven | |
| Vote for One (1) | |
| <input type="radio"/> ROSS MILLERICK | Graduate Program Director |
| VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES | |
| PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES | |
| Candidates for these offices are the official nominee of the party displayed with their name. | |
| PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT | |
| Nominees of the qualified political parties and independent nominees for President and Vice President | Party: |
| Vote for One (1) Party | GRN |
| <input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN | RUDOLPH WARE |
| <input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP | REP |
| JD VANCE | |
| <input type="radio"/> CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ | PF |
| KARINA GARCIA | |
| <input type="radio"/> KAMALA D. HARRIS | DEM |
| TIM WALZ | |
| <input type="radio"/> ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. | AI |
| NICOLE SHANAHAN | |
| <input type="radio"/> CHASE OLIVER | LIB |
| MIKE TER MAAT | |
| <input type="radio"/> | |

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| <p>Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval. The party preference of nonpartisan office candidates does not appear on the ballot.</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> STEPHANIE O'BRIEN Trustee, Marin Community College District</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> |
| CITY/TOWN | |
| <p>UNITED STATES SENATOR</p> | <p>City of Novato</p> |
| <p>There are two U.S. Senate contests on this ballot.</p> | <p>Councilmember - District One</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One for the regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031 • One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025 | <p>Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KEVIN JACOBS Retired Construction Professional</p> |
| <p>You may vote for both contests.</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> JAMES P. PETRAY Retired CPA</p> |
| Full Term | |
| <p>Candidates to the United States Senate</p> | <p>Party Preference:</p> |
| <p>Vote for One (1)</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> ADAM B. SCHIFF United States Representative</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> STEVE GARVEY Professional Baseball Representative</p> | <p><input type="radio"/></p> |
| Partial/Unexpired Term | |
| <p>Candidates to the United States Senate</p> | <p>Party Preference:</p> |
| <p>Vote for One (1)</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> ADAM B. SCHIFF United States Representative</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> STEVE GARVEY Professional Baseball Representative</p> | <p><input type="radio"/></p> |
| UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE | |
| <p>District Two</p> | <p>Candidates to the United States House of Representatives</p> |
| <p>Vote for One (1)</p> | <p>Party Preference:</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> CHRIS COULOMBE Small Business Owner</p> | <p><input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> JARED HUFFMAN U. S. Representative</p> | <p><input type="radio"/></p> |

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| MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS | | CITY/TOWN |
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| <p>STATE</p> <p>PROPOSITION 2</p> <p>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond. Supporters: California Teachers Association; California School Nurses Organization; Community College League of California Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 32</p> <p>RAISES MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Raises minimum wage as follows: For employers with 26 or more employees, to \$17 immediately, \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, to \$17 on January 1, 2025, \$18 on January 1, 2026. Fiscal Impact: State and local government costs could increase or decrease by up to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State and local revenues likely would decrease by no more than a few hundred million dollars annually. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: California Chamber of Commerce; California Restaurant Association; California Grocers Association</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> | <p>City of Novato</p> <p>MEASURE M</p> <p>Shall the measure continuing locally controlled funding, that the State cannot take away, and maintaining City of Novato's services, such as: fixing potholes/ streets; maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response, crime/ gang prevention; attracting/ retaining small businesses; maintaining parks/ recreation facilities; enhancing wildfire prevention; and repair aging storm drains; by establishing a 3/4c sales tax in the City of Novato, until ended by voters, for general government use, providing an additional \$10,300,000 annually, with citizens' oversight, independent annual audits be adopted?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> |
| <p>PROPOSITION 3</p> <p>CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MARRIAGE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</p> <p>Amends California Constitution to recognize fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. Fiscal Impact: No change in revenues or costs for state and local governments. Supporters: Sierra Pacific Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Equality California Opponents: Jonathan Keller, California Family Council; Rev. Tanner DiBella</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 33</p> <p>EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties. Fiscal Impact: Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities. Supporters: CA Nurses Assoc.; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; Tenants Together Opponents: California Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> | |
| <p>PROPOSITION 4</p> <p>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> | <p>PROPOSITION 34</p> <p>RESTRICTS SPENDING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVENUES BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> | |

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\$400 million annually for 40 years to repay the bond. **Supporters:** Clean Water Action; CALFIRE Firefighters; National Wildlife Federation; The Nature Conservancy
Opponents: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

YES NO

PROPOSITION 5

ALLOWS LOCAL BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH 55% VOTER APPROVAL. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low- and middle-income Californians with 55% vote. Accountability requirements. **Fiscal Impact:** Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters. Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes. **Supporters:** California Professional Firefighters; League of Women Voters of California; Habitat for Humanity California **Opponents:** California Taxpayers Association; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; Women Veterans Alliance

YES NO

PROPOSITION 6

ELIMINATES CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ALLOWING INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends the California Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (*i.e.*, forcing incarcerated persons to work). **Fiscal Impact:** Potential increase or decrease in state and local costs, depending on how work for people in state prison and county jail changes. Any effect likely would not exceed the tens of millions of dollars annually. **Supporters:** Assemblymember Lori Wilson **Opponents:** None submitted

YES NO

rules on certain health care entities. Affected entities would pay fees to cover these costs. **Supporters:** The ALS Association; California Chronic Care Coalition; Latino Heritage Los Angeles **Opponents:** National Org. for Women; Consumer Watchdog; Coalition for Economic Survival; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Dolores Huerta

YES NO

PROPOSITION 35

PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services. **Fiscal Impact:** Short-term state costs between roughly \$1 billion and \$2 billion annually to increase funding for certain health programs. Total funding increase between roughly \$2 billion to \$5 billion annually. Unknown long-term fiscal effects. **Supporters:** Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists; American Academy of Pediatrics, CA **Opponents:** None submitted

YES NO

PROPOSITION 36

ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950, if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions. **Fiscal Impact:** State criminal justice costs likely ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Local criminal justice costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually. **Supporters:** Crime Victims United of California; California District Attorneys Association; Family Business Association of California **Opponents:** Diana Becton, District Attorney Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice

YES NO

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VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

The following pages contain:

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

The names of all candidates for an office are listed on the Sample Ballot. Submitting a candidate statement is optional, so this guide may not contain statements for all candidates. The statement is printed as submitted, and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

MEASURE INFORMATION

Arguments in “support of” or in “opposition to” the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

Rebuttals to arguments are the opinions of the authors.



VOTER REGISTRATION HELP KEEP VOTER ROLLS UP TO DATE

- Is your residence address current?
- Is your party affiliation accurate?

Check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website
voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Email: elections@marincounty.org or Call: 415-473-6456

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
United States Representative, District 2**

CHRIS COULOMBE

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: We clearly cannot continue down our present political path. We can and must choose a better future.

Partisan politics is destroying our environment, our economy, and our children's future. This is our country; it is time for all of us to stand.

It is no longer about party lines. It is about addressing our reality and our future as a country instead of seeking partisan gain.

We need clear-eyed leaders with well-rounded experience and vision ready to address those challenges and stay focused on the big picture... focused on moving America forward.

I was born and raised in Sonoma County. After earning my Eagle Scout, I enlisted in the military at 18 and returned home as an infantry captain 16-years later. I earned my BA in politics from the University of San Francisco and my MA in Diplomacy from Norwich University.

With 24-years of military, business, and policy experience to represent our 2nd District, and your help, we can protect the environment, rebuild small businesses and the middle class to better our children's future.

This is our home and we must protect it. Together, we can lead that change.

It is my honor to ask for your vote to serve our country again.

ChrisToCongress.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
United States Representative, District 2**

JARED HUFFMAN

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Education and Qualifications: I'm getting things done despite political chaos in Washington. By putting people over politics, I've delivered results – the \$400M Golden Gate Bridge seismic retrofit, crucial funding for water supply improvements, zero-emission busses and charging infrastructure, public housing improvements, veterans housing, bike and pedestrian pathways, kelp forest restoration and more.

The prescription drug pricing reform I championed – the first in decades – caps insulin costs for seniors at \$35/month and starting next year total drug costs for seniors will never exceed \$2,000/year.

I spearheaded laws to modernize America's infrastructure – improving roads and bridges, connecting underserved communities with high-speed broadband, modernizing electrical grids, expanding renewable energy and building a national EV charging network.

We're finally taking bold action on the climate crisis and I'm leading the charge to do much more.

I work across the aisle whenever possible, as with my bipartisan initiative that raised IDEA special education funding by \$2.5 billion and my rural hospital bill.

But when democracy, the rule of law, or our fundamental freedoms are threatened, I fight back. That's why I founded the Stop Project 2025 Task Force - to confront the dangerous authoritarian scheme pushed by Donald Trump and his allies to eliminate checks and balances, impose a nationwide abortion ban, rollback civil rights and end Medicare as we know it. Not on my watch.

As a senior member of committees on Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure, you can count on me to keep delivering results.

I would be honored by your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito 2**

CHRIS COULOMBE

Ocupación: Propietario de un negocio pequeño

Educación y calificaciones: Está claro que no podemos seguir por el camino político actual. Podemos y debemos elegir un futuro mejor.

La política partidista está destruyendo nuestro medio ambiente, nuestra economía y el futuro de nuestros hijos. Este es nuestro país; es hora de que nos pongamos de pie.

Ya no se trata de los partidos. Sino que se trata de aceptar nuestra realidad y nuestro futuro como país, en lugar de buscar que gane un partido u otro.

Necesitamos líderes lúcidos con experiencia y visión integrales, listos para enfrentarse a esos desafíos y mantenerse enfocados en el panorama general... enfocados en hacer avanzar a los Estados Unidos.

Nací y me crié en el condado de Sonoma. Después de obtener mi Eagle Scout, me alisté en el ejército a los 18 años y regresé a casa como capitán de infantería 16 años después. Obtuve mi licenciatura en Política en la Universidad de San Francisco y mi maestría en Diplomacia en la Universidad de Norwich.

Con mis 24 años de experiencia militar, empresarial y política para representar a nuestro 2° distrito, y su ayuda, podemos proteger el medio ambiente, reconstruir las pequeñas empresas y la clase media, y mejorar el futuro de nuestros hijos.

Esta es nuestra casa, y debemos protegerla. Juntos podemos ser líderes de ese cambio.

Para mí es un honor pedir su voto para volver a servir a nuestro país.

ChrisToCongress.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito 2**

JARED HUFFMAN

Ocupación: Departamento Representante

Educación y calificaciones: Estoy haciendo mi trabajo a pesar del caos político en Washington. Al poner a las personas por encima de la política, he obtenido resultados: la rehabilitación sísmica del puente Golden Gate por valor de \$400 millones, el financiamiento crucial para mejoras en el suministro de agua, autobuses de cero emisiones e infraestructura de recarga, mejoras en viviendas públicas, viviendas para veteranos de guerra, senderos para bicicletas y peatones, restauración de bosques de algas marinas y mucho más.

La reforma de precios de medicamentos que requieren receta que defendí, la primera en décadas, limita los costos de la insulina para adultos mayores a \$35 al mes y, a partir del próximo año, el costo total de medicamentos para los adultos mayores no superarán los \$2,000 al año.

Impulsé leyes para modernizar la infraestructura de los Estados Unidos: mejora de carreteras y puentes, conexión con banda ancha de alta velocidad a comunidades desatendidas, modernización de las redes eléctricas, expansión de las energías renovables y edificación de una red nacional de recarga de vehículos eléctricos.

Finalmente estamos tomando medidas audaces para combatir la crisis climática y estoy liderando la lucha para hacer mucho más.

Colaboro con la oposición siempre que puedo, como ocurre con mi iniciativa bipartidista que aumentó los fondos de educación especial de IDEA en \$2.5 mil millones y mi proyecto de ley para hospitales rurales.

Sin embargo, cuando la democracia, la ley y nuestras libertades fundamentales se ven amenazadas, doy pelea. Es por ello que fundé el grupo de trabajo destinado a detener el Proyecto 2025, para hacer frente al peligroso plan autoritario impulsado por Donald Trump y sus aliados, que busca eliminar los controles y balances, imponer una prohibición al aborto en toda la nación, reducir los derechos civiles y poner fin a Medicare tal como lo conocemos. Esto no sucederá mientras yo esté a cargo.

En mi calidad de miembro principal de los comités de Recursos Naturales y de Transporte e Infraestructura, prometo seguir obteniendo resultados.

Para mí será un honor contar con su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Member State Assembly, District 12**

DAMON CONNOLLY

Occupation: California State Assemblymember

Education and Qualifications: It is my privilege to serve as your State Assemblymember, ensuring that an experienced local voice represents Marin and Sonoma counties in Sacramento.

Endorsed by the Sierra Club, California Professional Firefighters, California Teachers Association, local Labor Unions, and Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, I'm a principled progressive and consensus builder who gets things done.

In just one term in office, I've delivered real results, successfully getting five bills signed into law that will keep body armor out of the hands of mass shooters, ensure addictive tobacco products are not sold to teenagers, protect renters living in mobile home parks, reduce teen suicides, and cap the fees charged for residential solar projects. I also continue to build support for legislation to prevent toxic pesticide spraying along our highways.

On top of these legislative wins, I also secured \$5 million in state funding for projects throughout the North Bay for parks, firefighting equipment, affordable housing, and science education.

I have been fighting for our communities for 18 years, including service as a Marin County Supervisor, Vice-Mayor of San Rafael, School Board President, California Deputy Attorney General and now, as your State Assemblymember and local voice in Sacramento.

My values are North Bay values, forged by living here for more than 25 years. As your State Assemblymember, I will continue to fight for our priorities in Sacramento: wildfire prevention and home insurance, clean energy, environmental protection, protecting women's healthcare, equal rights, and more.

I hope to earn your vote to continue this important work together.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Miembro de la Asamblea Estatal, Distrito 12**

DAMON CONNOLLY

Ocupación: Asambleísta del Estado de California

Educación y calificaciones: Es un privilegio para mí servir como asambleísta estatal, asegurando que una voz local experimentada represente a los condados de Marin y Sonoma en Sacramento.

Respaldado por el Sierra Club, los Bomberos Profesionales de California, la Asociación de Maestros de California, los sindicatos locales y el Fondo de Acción del Norte de California de Planificación Familiar, soy un progresista de principios y un creador de consenso que sabe obtener resultados.

En apenas un mandato, he logrado resultados reales: logré que se promulguen cinco proyectos de ley que mantendrán los chalecos antibalas fuera del alcance de los tiradores en masa, que se garantice que no se vendan productos de tabaco adictivos a los adolescentes, que se proteja a los inquilinos que viven en parques de casas móviles, que se reduzcan los suicidios de adolescentes y que se limiten los cargos que se cobran por proyectos solares residenciales. Además, sigo ganando apoyo para que se implementen leyes que eviten que se rocíen pesticidas tóxicos en los márgenes de nuestras autopistas.

Además de estas victorias legislativas, también obtuve \$5 millones en fondos estatales destinados a proyectos en todo el Norte de la Bahía para parques, equipos contra incendios, viviendas de precio accesible y educación en ciencias.

Llevo 18 años luchando por nuestras comunidades, incluido el servicio como supervisor del Condado de Marin, Vicealcalde de San Rafael, Presidente de la Junta Escolar, Fiscal General adjunto de California y ahora, como su Asambleísta Estatal y voz local en Sacramento.

Mis valores son los valores del Norte de la Bahía, forjados en los más de 25 años que llevo viviendo en ese lugar. Como su Asambleísta Estatal, continuaré luchando por nuestras prioridades en Sacramento: prevención de incendios forestales y seguros para el hogar, energía limpia, protección ambiental, protección de la atención médica de las mujeres, igualdad de derechos y más.

Espero ganar su voto para seguir trabajando juntos.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Marin Community College District
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 7**

ROSS MILLERICK

Occupation: Graduate Program Director

Education and Qualifications: Graduate School, Director of Technology Management, Golden Gate University School of Business; Trustee, Novato Unified School District, 33 years; MS Engineering, UC Berkeley.

California's new law requires the College of Marin to have regional trustees. As the first trustee from Novato/West Marin, I will build an identity for Novato's Indian Valley Campus (IVC) to better serve Northwest Marin.

I will work for greater instructional use of the Indian Valley campus to better serve the educational needs, job skills training and community enrichment of our families.

I will work for career path internships with local companies, building trades, and investor communities to expand student opportunities.

I will work for the Early College High School Program to allow high school students to begin college early.

Let's expand these local opportunities together!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
Marin Community College District
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 7**

STEPHANIE O'BRIEN

Occupation: Office Holder, Business Owner, Parent

Education and Qualifications: For the past 13 years, I have served the residents of West Marin as a Marin Community College District trustee. Prior to serving on the college board, I was a trustee of the Lagunitas School Board for ten years.

As a trustee, I bring a strategic approach to tackling the issues facing the College, as well as a solid understanding of the unique role of a community college trustee. I promise to continue providing oversight, encourage innovation and to stay focused on long term financial stability.

The crown jewel of Marin's public education system, COM is flourishing due to our stewardship of taxpayer's resources while strengthening the skills of our students. We have accomplished a great deal in the past decade. Thanks to Marin voters, the college is finalizing its second facilities modernization program, which has enhanced the learning environments of both our campuses, as well as our Bolinas Field Station. I have supported two bond programs, the seamless transition of college leadership, and a vibrant connection with our K12 and business partners.

I ask for your vote on November 5th so that I may continue serving as a Trustee on behalf of West Marin and the entire county.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Distrito de Marin Community College
Miembro de la Junta Directiva, Área Fiduciaria 7**

ROSS MILLERICK

Ocupación: Director del programa de posgrado

Educación y calificaciones: Director de Gestión de Tecnología de la Escuela de Posgrado en la Facultad de Negocios de la Golden Gate University; Fideicomisario del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Novato por 33 años; Maestro en Ingeniería por la UC Berkeley.

La nueva ley de California requiere que el instituto universitario comunitario de Marin tenga fideicomisarios regionales. Como primer fideicomisario de Novato/West Marin, desarrollaré una identidad para que el Indian Valley Campus (IVC) de Novato atienda mejor las necesidades de la región noroeste de Marin.

Trabajaré para lograr un mayor uso educativo del campus de Indian Valley, capaz de satisfacer mejor las necesidades educativas, la capacitación laboral y el enriquecimiento comunitario de nuestras familias.

Trabajaré en pasantías de desarrollo profesional con empresas locales, sectores de la construcción y comunidades de inversores para ampliar las oportunidades de los estudiantes.

Trabajaré para el Programa Early College High School para permitir que los estudiantes de secundaria comiencen la universidad anticipadamente.

¡Amplíemos juntos las oportunidades que ofrece nuestra localidad!

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Distrito de Marin Community College
Miembro de la Junta Directiva, Área Fiduciaria 7**

STEPHANIE O'BRIEN

Ocupación: Titular de un cargo, propietaria de un negocio, madre

Educación y calificaciones: Durante los últimos 13 años, he servido a los residentes de West Marin como fideicomisaria del Distrito de Marin Community College. Antes de servir en la junta universitaria, fui fideicomisaria de la junta escolar de Lagunitas durante diez años.

Como fideicomisaria, aporté un enfoque estratégico para abordar los problemas que enfrenta la universidad, así como una sólida comprensión del papel único que desempeña un fideicomisario de una universidad comunitaria. Prometo seguir supervisando, fomentando la innovación y centrándome en la estabilidad financiera a largo plazo.

COM, la joya de la corona del sistema de educación pública de Marin, está prosperando gracias a nuestra gestión de los recursos de los contribuyentes, que hemos acompañado con el fortalecimiento de la habilidades de nuestros estudiantes. Hemos logrado mucho en la última década. Gracias a los votantes de Marin, la universidad está completando su segundo programa de modernización de instalaciones, que mejoró los entornos de aprendizaje de los dos campus y de nuestra Bolinas Field Station. He apoyado dos programas de bonos, la transición fluida del liderazgo universitario y una dinámica conexión con nuestros socios comerciales y de K12.

Pido su voto el 5 de noviembre para poder continuar sirviendo como fideicomisaria en nombre de West Marin y todo el condado.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
City of Novato
Councilmember, District 1**

KEVIN JACOBS

Occupation: Retired Construction Professional

Education and Qualifications: As a 39-year Novato resident, former local business owner and community volunteer, I am excited to be running for Novato City Council, District 1. My deep-rooted passion for our city and its future drives my commitment to making meaningful contributions for all residents.

I believe in supporting local businesses to help them thrive, improving city processes to positively affect our residents, ensuring that future development aligns with our city's vision and goals, and creating a fiscally sustainable future. I am dedicated to supporting our police department to enhance community safety. I want to help to improve our infrastructure and environmental sustainability to address areas where we can make the most impact.

Through my roles on the Novato Design Review Commission, the Novato Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Novato Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, and the Novato 4th of July Parade Committee Board of Directors, I have developed the skills, experience and relationships to be effective.

Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Novato. I am eager to bring my passion, skills and dedication to the City Council to foster growth, support our community, and ensure our city remains a great place to live, work, and play.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
City of Novato
Councilmember, District 1**

JAMES P. PETRAY

Age: 69

Occupation: Retired CPA

Education and Qualifications: As a longtime resident of Novato who has raised two children here, I understand the challenges both our city and its families face. With a career as a Certified Public Accountant (Retired), specializing in accounting, taxation, and business consulting, I bring valuable experience to the table. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from Santa Clara University and completed the Novato Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

I am a creative problem-solver who believes in Novato's potential for growth and prosperity. My commitment is to protect taxpayers citywide while improving the quality of life for all residents. As an elected official, I will work diligently on a revised budget plan to maintain city services at the highest level possible.

In my volunteer roles, I've fostered a positive outlook for youth as a Novato athletics coach and baseball umpire. I have also served as a board member for the Hanna Boys Center and as president of the Sonoma County Family Justice Center. I stand in strong support of Novato police and public safety personnel.

Your vote is a vote for financial stability and a safer, more prosperous future for all.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Ciudad de Novato
Miembro del Concejo, Distrito 1**

KEVIN JACOBS

Ocupación: Profesional de la construcción jubilado

Educación y calificaciones: Como residente de Novato desde hace 39 años, expropietario de un negocio local y voluntario comunitario, me emociona postularme para el Concejo Municipal de Novato, Distrito 1. La pasión profunda que tengo por nuestra ciudad y su futuro refuerza mi compromiso a lograr contribuciones significativas para todos los residentes.

Creo que debemos trabajar para apoyar a las empresas locales para que prosperen; mejorar los procesos municipales para mejorar las vidas de nuestros residentes; garantizar que los desarrollos futuros concuerden con la visión y los objetivos de nuestra ciudad; y, crear un futuro fiscalmente sostenible. Estoy dedicado a apoyar a nuestro organismo policial para mejorar la seguridad de la comunidad. Quiero ayudar a mejorar nuestra infraestructura y sostenibilidad ambiental para mejorar los aspectos en los que podemos conseguir los mayores efectos.

He desarrollado las destrezas, la experiencia y las relaciones para ser eficaz gracias a mis funciones en la Comisión de Revisión de Diseño de Novato, la Junta Directiva de la Cámara de Comercio de Novato, el Comité de Asuntos Gubernamentales de la Cámara de Comercio de Novato y la Junta Directiva del Comité del Desfile del 4 de Julio de Novato.

Juntos, podremos lograr que Novato sea más fuerte y vibrante. Estoy ansioso por aportar mi pasión, habilidades y dedicación al Concejo Municipal para fomentar el crecimiento, apoyar a nuestra comunidad y garantizar que nuestra ciudad siga siendo un gran lugar para vivir, trabajar y divertirse.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
Ciudad de Novato
Miembro del Concejo, Distrito 1**

JAMES P. PETRAY

Egad: 69

Ocupación: Contador Público jubilado

Educación y calificaciones: En mi papel de residente de Novato por largo tiempo, que ha criado a dos hijos aquí, comprendo los desafíos que enfrentan nuestra ciudad y sus familias. Aporto una valiosa experiencia gracias a mis conocimientos como Contador Público Certificado (jubilado), especializado en contabilidad, impuestos y consultoría empresarial. Tengo una licenciatura en Comercio de la Universidad de Santa Clara y realicé el Programa de Liderazgo de la Cámara de Comercio de Novato.

Soluciono problemas de una manera creativa y creo que Novato tiene un potencial de crecimiento y prosperidad. Mi compromiso es proteger a todos los contribuyentes de la ciudad, y al mismo tiempo mejorar la calidad de vida de todos sus habitantes. Como funcionario electo, trabajaré diligentemente en la modificación del plan presupuestario, para mantener los servicios de la ciudad al más alto nivel posible.

He fomentado perspectivas positivas para los jóvenes en mis labores voluntarias como entrenador de atletismo y árbitro de béisbol. También fui miembro de la junta del Hanna Boys Center y presidente del Centro de Justicia Familiar del Condado de Sonoma. Apoyo firmemente a la policía y al personal de seguridad pública de Novato.

El voto de usted es un voto por la estabilidad financiera y un futuro más seguro y próspero para todos.

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

CITY OF NOVATO

MEASURE M

Shall the measure continuing locally controlled funding, that the State cannot take away, and maintaining City of Novato’s services, such as: fixing potholes/ streets; maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response, crime/ gang prevention; attracting/ retaining small businesses; maintaining parks/ recreation facilities; enhancing wildfire prevention; and repair aging storm drains; by establishing a 3/4c sales tax in the City of Novato, until ended by voters, for general government use, providing an additional \$10,300,000 annually, with citizens’ oversight, independent annual audits be adopted?

YES NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF NOVATO

MEASURE M

**2024 NOVATO TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX
ORDINANCE**

Measure M would adopt a general transactions and use tax in the City of Novato at the rate of 0.75% of the sales price for purchases subject to the tax. This is 3/4 of one cent for every dollar spent. This kind of tax is often called a “sales” tax. It would only apply to purchases subject to sales taxes. For example, purchases of prescription drugs, services like medical and dental, and most food would not be taxed.

The money from this tax would go into the City’s general fund and could be used for any lawful general governmental use such as fixing potholes/streets, maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response, crime/gang prevention, attracting/retaining small businesses, maintaining parks/recreation facilities, enhancing wildfire prevention, and repairing aging storm drains.

All revenues raised by Measure M will belong to the City of Novato and will stay local.

Measure M was placed on the ballot by the Novato City Council. It would require an annual independent audit of City receipts from the tax and how they are spent each year. The City Council would discuss the results of the audit during an open meeting and post the audit report on the City’s website. Measure M would also require oversight by a Citizens’ Oversight Committee, which will make recommendations to the City Council regarding those expenditures. Minutes of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee meetings would be placed on the next available regular meeting agenda of the City Council for public inspection and discussion.

A “yes” vote approves and adopts the tax.

A “no” vote rejects the tax.

A simple majority of votes (50% plus 1) will pass or defeat the measure.

s/GARY B. BELL
Novato City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

Vote Yes on M for a SAFER and STRONGER Novato.

Novato is at a crossroads: Either we fix our longstanding budget deficit or we make deep cuts to essential city services that keep us safe and protect our quality of life.

Novato maintains over 300 miles of streets, 696 acres of parks, and other infrastructure. Without Measure M, Novato will not be able to **fix potholes, keep public areas safe and clean, maintain safe neighborhoods, and maintain rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times** at current levels.

Voting Yes on M provides **locally controlled funding for local needs**. This funding **cannot be taken by the State**.

Even with Measure M, Novato's sales tax rate will be the same or less than neighboring communities like San Rafael and Petaluma. **Essential purchases like groceries and prescription medicine are exempt**. Sales tax is paid by anyone shopping in Novato, not just residents.

Voting Yes on M will:

- Fix potholes and maintain city streets
- Maintain 9-1-1 emergency response and public safety services
- Attract and retain small businesses
- Repair, maintain and improve parks, facilities, and recreation programs
- Reduce the risk of wildfires

Measure M requires strict fiscal accountability and local control:

- By law, every penny stays in Novato and cannot be taken by the State, the County, or other agencies
- Funding will be monitored by an independent oversight committee, which will provide annual reports to the community ensuring funds are spent properly and transparently

Novato is a special place. Let's keep it that way.

Please join a unanimous City Council, police officers, local business owners, seniors, parents, and other community leaders in voting Yes on M to preserve essential services and our quality of life.

NOVATO CITY COUNCIL

Mark J. Milberg, Mayor

ERIC LUCAN

Marin County Supervisor

NOVATO CHAMBER

Seth Shorett, Board President

DENISE ATHAS

Former Mayor & Local Business Owner

ASHLEY SCHNEIDER

Police Officer & Novato Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

Novato resorts to scare tactics for your vote, threatening public safety cuts and argues its funds are spent with oversight. But the 2023 Marin Grand Jury discovered "there have been lapses in Novato's financial management to the detriment of Novato and its residents". For example, **Council overrode a unanimous recommendation of the oversight committee not to loan millions to third parties, including a 30-year loan at 2.5%.**

Novato provided over \$8 million to third parties, like the failed Novato Theater.

This tax increase, projected to bring in \$10.3 million in 2025 (over double its deficit) goes to the General Fund which can be used for ANYTHING. Where do YOU think the extra will go?

Incredibly, annual audits have not been timely completed since 2017, costing millions in lost federal grants.

For decades, Novato failed to sell/lease unused properties worth millions.

Novato misinforms you about Novato receiving the lowest percentage of property tax dollars in Marin by failing to explain Novato isn't responsible for fire or library services like other communities. Accounting for these services makes Novato's tax share among the highest in the County!

Novato has sufficient funds to operate above current levels through June 2027, allowing voters time to approve a sales tax increase with an end date, like San Rafael and Mill Valley, ensuring accountability with the ultimate guardrail, a sunset clause.

Vote No on M. Require Novato to show fiscal responsibility in expenditures and include what good government demands in taxes, a sunset clause.

PATRICIA RAVITZ

Concerned Citizen

KEVIN CLEEK

Former Novato Planning Commissioner

JULIA LAVARONI

Founder, No Novato Tax Citizen Watchdog Group

GEORGE COHEN

Real Estate Developer

RICK FRAITES

Retired

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

Don't give a blank check with no ending date to a government that doesn't manage its finances responsibly.

Since 2017, Novato has not gotten timely, independent audits (at one point being three years behind) so Novato missed possibly millions in federal grants. It couldn't keep track of its own properties and other properties it used, and had to buy one it thought it owned for \$5.8 million on an emergency basis when the owner decided to sell.

Novato squandered millions of precious taxpayer funds on a theater, a third, unneeded SMART station, and a 2.5% thirty-year loan.

Novato is a financial mess. A 2023 Marin Civil Grand Jury found Novato's actions "to the detriment of Novato and its residents". **To recoup those squandered millions, Novato now proposes a regressive sales tax, asking approval of the maximum allowable. Forever.**

This ¾% sales tax increase will provide \$10.3 million in 2025 (growing over time), even though its budget deficit is \$4 million. The money is "for general government use," which *could* include better roads and more policing. But the additional revenue MIGHT easily go again to salaries and pensions for additional highly-paid administrators, extravagant consultant fees, wasteful grants and/or more low interest rate third-party loans.

Novato's proposed forever tax evades the accountability provided by having to get voter approval to renew an expiring tax. Novato refused to include a sunset, whereas San Rafael did so in 2020 and Mill Valley this year.

Novato's claim that voters can readily repeal the tax is misleading: the cost and effort involved present a near-insurmountable hurdle.

Already struggling with surging sewer, water, gas/electric and insurance bills, taxpayers face a tsunami of additional tax measures in 2024, 2026 and beyond. We should choose wisely when approving more.

Hold Novato accountable. Demand a reasonable alternative. Vote no on this huge perpetual tax increase.

COALITION OF SENSIBLE TAXPAYERS

Mimi Willard, President

BERNARD MEYERS

Former Mayor & Councilmember

DAVID H. GABRIEL

Former Chair, Novato Planning Commission

MICHAEL R. ARNOLD

PhD Economist

TRACEY MONET RUIZ

MBA, Strategic Leadership

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

Novato has important decisions to make. If we want to maintain our quality of life, action is needed now.

What kind of city do we want Novato to be? One with good roads, safe and clean parks, rapid 9-1-1 emergency response, and safe neighborhoods? Or one with more potholes, blight, slow emergency response, and more crime? These are not temporary needs, temporary solutions are no longer feasible.

Voting Yes on M maintains the essential services that protect our safety and quality of life.

Where do we want our tax dollars to go? Keep them in Novato to address local needs or go elsewhere? Right now, most of the property tax and sales tax we pay doesn't stay in the city, **but 100% of Measure M funding stays in Novato for local needs and can't be taken away.**

Has Novato already made tough decisions? Over 30 staff positions have been eliminated. Investments in our roads and our parks have been drastically reduced. **Without Measure M, further cuts will be made that directly impact essential services.**

Is Measure M excessive? Novato's sales tax rate will be **the same or less than neighboring communities.**

Does Measure M include adequate fiscal controls? By law, Measure M requires an **independent oversight committee, annual audits and public spending disclosure.**

Arguing about the past isn't productive. Measure M keeps Novato moving forward. Let's do this.

Join Novato's trusted leaders and vote Yes on M to maintain essential services, protect our safety and quality of life.

TIM O'CONNOR

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato

DERRICK YOUNG

Police Sergeant, Novato Resident

NANCY KAWATA

Novato Resident

CHERYL PADDACK

Novato Resident

CRISTINA MACKENZIE

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE M
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-071**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NOVATO PLACING
A MEASURE REGARDING A TRANSACTIONS AND
USE TAX ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALLED FOR NOVEMBER 5,
2024**

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the Novato City Council adopted a resolution calling for a General Municipal Election to be held on the same day and consolidated with all other applicable elections to be held on November 5, 2024. It is desirable that the election called by this Resolution be consolidated with the City’s General Municipal Election and that, within the City, the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Elections Department of the County of Marin canvass the returns of the election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a proposal to the voters in the election to impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2; and

WHEREAS, the Novato City Council is authorized by California Elections Code Section 9222 to place the measure before the voters; and

WHEREAS, the measure to be submitted to the voters, if approved by a majority (50% + 1) thereof, would impose a retail transactions and use tax at the rate of 0.75%, proceeds of which may be used for general revenue purposes, and establish an Citizens’ Oversight Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the expenditure of tax proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance imposing this transactions and use tax is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Ordinance”) and is incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9282 sets forth the procedures for arguments in favor of or in opposition to any City measure; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9285 sets forth the procedures for rebuttal arguments; and

WHEREAS, the Election is a regularly scheduled statewide election in which all of the City’s electors are entitled to vote, and in which members of the City Council are up for election or reelection. (Cal. Const., Art. XIII C, § 2, subd. (b); Gov. Code, § 53724, subd. (c).); and

WHEREAS, if the voters approve the Ordinance, the City Council intends to review and analyze the transactions and use (sales) tax proposed by this Resolution ten (10) years after the operative date thereof and every five (5) years thereafter, to consider its continued need.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE

FOREGOING, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVATO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C, Section 2; Government Code Section 53724; and Elections Code Section 9222, the City Council of the City of Novato hereby calls an election at which it shall submit the Ordinance to the qualified voters of the City, as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9. This measure shall be designated by letter by the Marin County Elections Department. Pursuant to Election Code Section 10400 et seq, the election for this measure shall be consolidated with the established election to be held on November 5, 2024.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby submits the Ordinance to the voters at the Election, and it orders the following question to appear on the ballot for the Election:

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| Shall the measure continuing locally controlled funding, that the State cannot take away, and maintaining City of Novato’s services, such as: fixing potholes/ streets; maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response, crime/ gang prevention; attracting/ retaining small businesses; maintaining parks/ recreation facilities; enhancing wildfire prevention; and repair aging storm drains; by establishing a 3/4c sales tax in the City of Novato, until ended by voters, for general government use, providing an additional \$10,300,000 annually, with citizens’ oversight, independent annual audits be adopted? | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

This question requires the approval of a majority of qualified electors casting votes.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby approves the Ordinance, the form thereof, and its submission to the voters of the City at the November 5, 2024 election, as required by Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is requested to order the County Clerk to set forth in the voter information portion of all sample ballots to be mailed to the qualified electors of the City the full text of the Ordinance and to mail with the sample ballots to the electors printed copies of the full text of the Ordinance, together with the primary arguments and rebuttal arguments (if any) for and against the measure, and to provide absent voters ballots for the election for use by qualified electors of the City who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by law. The Ordinance specifies that the rate of the transactions tax shall be increased by three quarters of one percent (0.75%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the City; it specifies that the rate of the use tax shall be increased by three quarters of one percent (0.75%) of the sales price of tangible personal property stored, used, or otherwise consumed in the City, and that the tax shall remain in effect until repealed by the voters in the future. The State Board of Equalization shall collect the tax from retailers subject to the tax and remit the funds to the City.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to work with the County Elections Department as needed in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. Clerk is further directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Marin County Board of Supervisors and with the Elections Department of the County of Marin no later than 88 days before the election. The ballots to be used in the election shall be in form and content as required by law. The County Elections Department is authorized to canvass the returns of the general municipal election and certify the results to the City Council. Thereafter, in accordance with the time prescribed by the Elections Code, the City Council shall declare and cause to be entered in its minutes a statement of the results of the election. 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. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is requested to instruct the County Elections Department to provide such services as may be necessary for the holding of the consolidated election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election. The City of Novato recognizes that the County will incur additional costs because of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for those costs. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to expend the necessary funds to pay for the City’s cost of placing the measure on the election ballot and to execute any necessary agreements with Marin County for the election.

SECTION 6. In accordance with Section 12111 of the Elections Code, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the measure to be published in accordance with State law. The City Clerk may request that the County of Marin Elections Department prepare and publish the required notice.

SECTION 7. The polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. that same day, when the polls shall be closed, except as provided by Section 14401 of the California Elections Code. The notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given, and the City Clerk is authorized to give further notice of the election, as required by law.

- a. The last day for submission of primary arguments for or against the measure shall be by 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024.
- b. The last day for submission of rebuttal arguments for or against the measure shall be by 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2024.
- c. Primary arguments shall not exceed three hundred (300) words and shall be signed by not more than five persons.
- d. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) words and shall be signed by not more than five persons; those persons may be different persons than the persons who signed the primary arguments. This authorization for rebuttal arguments applies only to the next ensuing municipal election and lapses when this election’s results are certified. (Elec. Code, § 9285, subd. (b).)

- e. Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Elections Code Section 9282, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are hereby authorized to prepare a written argument and rebuttal in favor of the proposed ordinance on behalf of the City Council. At the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem’s discretion, the argument may also be signed by bona fide associations or by individual voters who are eligible to vote.
- f. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall 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, and transmit the impartial analysis to the Elections Department as required by law by August 19, 2024.
- g. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285, when the City Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the measure, which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the primary arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the primary argument which it seeks to rebut.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk of the County of Marin, together with the attached ballot measure.

SECTION 9. The jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Novato have not changed since the last general municipal election.

SECTION 10. The adoption of this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15000 et seq. (CEQA Guidelines). The calling of a municipal election is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Further, the general tax proposed by this Resolution does not “involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment,” and adopting it is therefore not a project under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).

SECTION 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution as required by law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Novato, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of July, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Eklund, Farac, Wernick,
O'Connor, Milberg
NOES: Councilmembers
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers
ABSENT: Councilmembers

s/LAURA MCDOWALL
City Clerk of the City of Novato

Approved as to form:

s/GARY B. BELL
City Attorney of the City of Novato

ORDINANCE NO. 1717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NOVATO
IMPOSING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION
AND ADDING SECTION 16-7
TO THE NOVATO MUNICIPAL CODE
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF NOVATO DO ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Code: “Section 16-7 Transactions and Use Tax” is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 16-7.1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the 2024 Novato Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The City of Novato hereinafter shall be called “City.” This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

Section 16-7.2. OPERATIVE DATE. “Operative Date” means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 16-7.3. PURPOSE. This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

a. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

b. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

c. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

d. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 16-7.4. CONTRACT WITH STATE. Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all

functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Section 16-7.5. TRANSACTIONS TAX RATE. For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 0.75% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

Section 16-7.6. PLACE OF SALE. For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Section 16-7.7. USE TAX RATE. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.75% of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Section 16-7.8. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

Section 16-7.9. LIMITATIONS ON ADOPTION OF STATE LAW AND COLLECTION OF USE TAXES. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

a. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing
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the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

(a) Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

(b) Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

b. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

Section 16-7.10. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED. If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

Section 16-7.11. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.

a. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

b. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for

shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

(a) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

(b) With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

c. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

d. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Section 16-7.12. AMENDMENTS. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

Section 16-7.13. TERM. The tax imposed by this ordinance shall be effective until repealed by voters.

Section 16-7.14. CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT. A five-member Citizens' Oversight Committee will be created and shall meet annually to review the expenditure of revenues generated by the tax increase imposed under this ordinance and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding those expenditures. The minutes of the meetings of the Citizens' Oversight Committee shall be provided to the City Council and placed on the next available regular City Council meeting agenda for informational purposes.

Section 16-7.15. AUDIT AND REVIEW. The proceeds of the tax imposed by this Ordinance, as well as the expenditure thereof, shall be audited annually by an independent

accounting firm. The City Council shall discuss the results of such audit at a meeting of the City Council that is open to the public. The report of such audit shall be posted on the City's website.

Section 16-7.16. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), adoption of this ordinance as a government funding mechanism is not a project subject to the requirements of CEQA. Prior to commencement of any project that may result from the expenditure of revenues from this tax increase, any necessary environmental review required by CEQA shall be completed.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9222, this ordinance shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of Novato voting at a General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024. It shall be deemed adopted when the City Council has certified the results of that election by resolution and shall take effect ten (10) days thereafter.

Section 5. CERTIFICATION. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the People voting thereon on November 5, 2024, by signing where indicated below.

The foregoing ordinance was **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the People of the City of Novato voting on November 5, 2024, which vote was certified by the City Council on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mark Milberg, Mayor

Attest: _____
(Signature)

City Clerk



IMPORTANT NOTICE

All active registered voters will get a vote-by-mail ballot in the mail

- Put voted ballot in return envelope provided
- Date and sign your return envelope
- Return by mail, at a Vote Center, or an Official Drop Box
- If returning by mail, envelope must be postmarked on or before November 5, received by November 12

Requesting a translated copy of the sample ballot

The sample ballot has been translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese for required precincts. To request a copy, contact the Elections Department no later than seven days before the election:

- Call 415-473-6456 or Email: elections@marincounty.org
- Mail a written request to PO Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Must arrive seven days before Election Day.

Secretary of State's Voter Hotline (800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English

For information about language services offered at Vote Centers, go to www.marinvotes.org. Click on link to November 5, 2024 General Election.

Accessible ballot

Any voter may request an accessible ballot to mark at home by emailing (RAVBM in subject line) to votebymail@marincounty.org or by calling (415) 473-6456 or toll free (833) 644-2061.

Accessible voting

A voter with a disability may vote a regular ballot outside a Vote Center. If you are unable to mark your ballot, you may bring up to two individuals to the polls to assist you. These individuals cannot be your employer or union representative.

The sample ballot is for information only. You must vote on the official ballot that will be mailed to you.



AVISO IMPORTANTE

Todos los votantes activos que estén registrados recibirán en el correo una boleta de voto por correo

- Ponga la boleta marcada en el sobre de retorno provisto
- Ponga la fecha y firme su sobre de retorno
- Devuélvalo por correo, en un centro de votación o en un buzón oficial
- Si lo devuelve por correo, el sobre debe tener el sello postal fechado el o antes del 5 de noviembre, recibido antes del 12 de noviembre

Cómo solicitar una copia traducida de la boleta de muestra

La boleta de muestra ha sido traducida al español para los recintos requeridos. Para solicitar una copia, comuníquese con el Departamento de Elecciones a más tardar siete días antes de la elección.

- Llame al 415-473-6456 o envíe un email a elections@marincounty.org
- Envíe una solicitud escrita a P.O. Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Tiene que llegar siete días antes del día de la elección.

Línea directa para votantes del Secretario de Estado (800) 232-VOTA (8682) - Español / Spanish

Para obtener más información sobre los servicios lingüísticos que se ofrecen en los centros de votación,

diríjase a www.marinvotes.org. Haga clic en el enlace a las Elecciones Generales del 5 de noviembre de 2024.

Boleta accesible

Cualquier votante puede solicitar una boleta accesible para llenar en casa, enviando un email a votebymail@marincounty.org (escriba RAVBM en la línea del asunto) o llamando al (415) 473-6456 o a la línea gratuita (833) 644-2061.

Votación accesible

Un votante con discapacidad puede votar con una boleta regular fuera de un centro de votación. Si usted no puede marcar su boleta electoral, puede traer hasta dos personas al lugar de votación para que le ayuden. Estas personas no pueden ser ni su empleador (patrón) ni tampoco su representante sindical (de la unión).

La boleta de muestra es solo para fines informativos. Tiene que votar con la boleta oficial enviada por correo.



VOTING BY MAIL

**DON'T
BE LATE**
Mail your
ballot before
Election Day



When will my ballot arrive in the mail?
Ballots will be mailed beginning October 7, 2024.
Expect delivery within 7 - 10 days.



How do I update my registration?
Online at registertovote.ca.gov OR by paper registration form, postmarked no later than October 21, 2024.



Will the post office forward my ballot?
No. Forwarding a ballot is not allowed.



I will be out of town. How can I vote?
Call and give us your temporary mailing address. We will mail the ballot one time to that address. Call 415-473-6456.



Can someone else pick up a ballot for me?
Yes, using the application available at marinvotes.org. If you have questions, call 415-473-6456.



What if I lose my ballot or make a mistake?
You may go to any Vote Center and receive a replacement ballot. If you make a mistake, call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456.



What if I forgot to sign my envelope?
Only you (not someone else) must sign your envelope for your ballot to be counted. If your signature is missing OR does not compare with your voter registration, you will get a letter telling you how to correct the problem.



How do I return my vote-by-mail ballot?
Mail it in your signed envelope, postmarked on or before Election Day, November 5. **A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to their return ballot envelope by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate.**
OR hand deliver to any Vote Center or Official Ballot Drop Box. Locations and schedules for Vote Centers and Official Ballot Drop Boxes are listed in this Voter Information Guide or at marinvotes.org.



How do I know you received my ballot?
Sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov, check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website voterstatus.sos.ca.gov, OR call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456. **Also: Informed delivery is a great tool – it's free!**
Sign up online: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

ACCESS OR LANGUAGE NEEDS



Where can I vote in person?

Vote at any of the 21 Vote Centers in Marin County. Addresses are listed in this guide or go to www.marinvotes.org.



Is my nearest Vote Center accessible?

All Vote Centers are accessible or have been mitigated to meet accessibility requirements. Call 415-473-6456 for details.



Sign language interpreter.

Schedule an appointment at the Elections Office, call at least 1 week in advance. TTY 415-473-6899 or CA Relay Service 711



Need support at a Vote Center?

- Each Vote Center has accessible marking devices to help you mark your ballot independently and privately. A sip/puff device can be provided by calling in advance.
- A wheelchair-accessible voting booth, magnifiers, pens with easy to hold grips and signature guides are available.
- **Curbside voting** A voter with a disability may vote a regular ballot outside a Vote Center. Call when you are outside. An election worker will bring you a ballot and then put your voted ballot into the ballot box.



Where is an accessible voting machine?

An accessible ballot marking device is at each Vote Center.

More information about voter accessibility and specific accommodations is online at www.marinvotes.org or contact the manager of Vote Centers at polls@marincounty.org **415-473-6456** or toll free: **833-644-2061**



What if I do not speak English well?

The Vote Center worker will:

- Point out instructions in voting booth.
- Demonstrate how to mark the ballot.

Translated sample ballots for required precincts are posted at Vote Centers. Some Vote Centers have a bilingual worker; tell us if you need bilingual service.



Can I get a ride to a Vote Center?

Marin Access 415-454-0902 provides services for older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income residents. You may need to register. Call immediately to find out how they can help you. Check the voter accessibility link on our website at www.marinvotes.org.



Alternative formats upon request.

Large print of some ballot materials may be available and a CD may be available for local measure information. Call 415-473-6456 (voice), 415-473-6899 (TTY), toll free 833-644-2061, or email elections@marincounty.org.

An Online Accessible Voter Information Guide is available upon request. Call 415-473-6456 for details.



Voting by mail?

All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot. Ballots will be mailed starting October 7. Allow 7-10 days for delivery.

Disability Rights California operates a Statewide Voting Hotline 7^{AM} to 8^{PM} on Election Day, November 5, 2024 and answers calls prior to and following the election.
1-888-569-7955

Election officials are your reliable sources for election information



Voting period is October 7 to November 5, 2024

Make sure you've got the correct election information.

Don't know where to start? Nonpartisan election information is available at:

www.marinvotes.org

FROM:

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION



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IN THE
UNITED STATES



BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
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**MARIN COUNTY
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX E
SAN RAFAEL CA 94913-9801**



NON-PROFIT ORG.
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COUNTY OF MARIN

Curbside voting available for voters who cannot physically get into the Vote Center. Question? Call 415-473-6456

**For Vote Center Information
See marinvotes.org**

**POSTMASTER
DELIVER TO:**

- All active registered voters will get a ballot in the mail.
- Lost or damaged your ballot? You may go to any Vote Center for a replacement.

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For November 5, 2024

**Do not use this application for a vote-by-mail ballot.
All voters will be mailed a ballot for this election.**
Need a replacement vote-by-mail ballot or have questions about the forms below you can call 415-473-6456.

Request a Translated Copy of Sample Ballot
Sample ballots are NOT translated in all languages for all ballot types.
Las boletas electorales de muestra NO ESTÁN traducidas en todos los idiomas para todos los tipos de boletas electorales.
Tất cả các loại lá phiếu mẫu không được dịch sang nhiều ngôn ngữ.
樣本選票的選票類型並未翻譯成所有語言。

Estoy solicitando una copia traducida de la boleta de muestra.
 Tôi đang yêu cầu một bản dịch của phiếu bầu mẫu.
 我要求提供选票样本的翻译副本。

Mail to: _____
Name _____
Address _____
Request must be received at least 7 days before the election.

Request a Remote Accessible Ballot (RAVBM)
A Remote Accessible Ballot is accessed online. You must print the ballot and mail it back. RAVBM ballots cannot be returned by fax or email. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by mail within 7 days after the election.

I am requesting a Remote Accessible Ballot.
My email (required): _____
Name and Phone #: _____