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# **SOLANO COUNTY** Voter Information Guide

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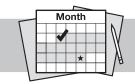
# Presidential General Election **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** Polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is your official voter information guide. It has information on local candidates & measures, voting by mail, and answers to common voter questions.



Text **Solano** to 2VOTE (28683) to download your sample ballot or voter information guide. (Msg & Data rates may apply)





- ★ Early voting starts Monday, October 5, 2020. Visit us at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600, Fairfield to pick up a ballot. Our office is open Monday Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to you is **Tuesday, October 27, 2020**.
- ★ Any changes to your registration must be received by Monday, October 19, 2020. Visit registertovote.ca.gov or call (707) 784-6675 to have a form mailed to you.

# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Vote-by-Mail period begins.	6 Vote-by-Mail Drop boxes available at City Clerk offices.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Last day to register or update registration for the election.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot	28	29 <u>Curbside</u> Va	30 Ballot Drop-off Locations allejo • Cordelia • Fairfie Vacaville • Dixon	31 Registrar's office open 8 a.m 5 p.m. <u>Available:</u> eld

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# Who is on the ballot for this election?

In the November General Election, all voters receive the same ballot, no matter what political party you are registered with (or if you have no party preference). The address where you are registered to vote determines which contests are on your ballot.

In the March Primary Election, all Californians were able to vote to decide which candidates for state and local offices moved on to the November General Election.

Presidential Nominated by party	California Top-Two Primary Nominated by voters	County and Local Primary Nonpartisan candidates
President and Vice President	<ul> <li>U.S. Representative (Districts 3 &amp; 5)</li> <li>State Senator (District 3)</li> <li>State Assembly Member (Districts 4, 11 &amp; 14)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>County Board of Supervisors (Districts 1, 2, &amp; 5)*</li> <li>School Boards*</li> <li>Special District Boards*</li> <li>Municipal Offices*</li> </ul>
The candidates nominated by each political party are on the ballot.	The top-two candidates, the ones with the most votes from the March Primary, are on your ballot.	If a candidate for these local offices received at least 50% plus 1 vote in the Primary, they were elected and are not on the General Election ballot. If no candidate won, the two
		candidates with the most votes are on the ballot.
You can write-in a candidate for President and Vice President.	There is no write-in for these offices.	You can write-in a candidate for these offices.
The party nominating the candidate is listed with the candidate's name.	The candidate's party preference (or "None") is listed with their name.	Candidates for nonpartisan offices do not have a party preference listed on the ballot.
A candidate may be nominated by more than one party.	Both candidates on the ballot may have the same party preference.	

\* Not all districts have an election. Please review your sample ballot for the contests available to you.

For more information you can:

Call the Elections Department at (707) 784-6675



The California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/general-election-november-3-2020/

# **Voter Information**



The following pages contain information relating to your ballot, which may include:

- Candidates' Statements
- Analyses

- Arguments
- Ballot Measures

This information guide may not contain a statement for each candidate. Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. (EC 13312)

- \* All measure documents and Candidates' Statements are printed exactly as filed.
- \* Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors. (EC 9315)
- \* Refer to the State Voter Information Guide for information on state candidates and measures.

# **Party Endorsements**

	American Independent	Democratic	Republican
President			
Congressional District 3	Tamika Hamilton	John Garamendi	Tamika Hamilton
Congressional District 5		Mike Thompson	Scott Giblin
State Senate District 3		Bill Dodd	Carlos Santamaria
State Assembly District 4		Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	Matt Nelson
State Assembly District 11		Jim Frazier	Debra Schwab
State Assembly District 14		Timothy S. Grayson	Janell Proctor

# **Campaign Expenditure Limits**

The following California Legislative candidates have accepted voluntary campaign expenditure limits, and were eligible to purchase a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in this Voter Information Guide (listed in alphabetical order):

State Senate, District 3 – Bill Dodd, Carlos Santamaria State Assembly, District 4 – Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Matt Nelson State Assembly, District 11 – Jim Frazier, Debra Schwab State Assembly, District 14 – Timothy S. Grayson, Janell Proctor

# **VOTING OPTIONS FOR ALL VOTERS**



In an effort to reduce the impact of the Coronavirus spread, the Solano County Registrar of Voters has prepared several voting options for all voters. You have received a vote-by-mail ballot for the election in this packet.

Below is a description of the different options you have for voting new to help provide a safe voting environment for all voters, our staff, and our community partners:

### **No Contact Voting:**

As an option to in-person voting, all voters can vote from the safety of your home, using the enclosed ballot. Ballots can be returned to our office in one of three manners:



# Ballot Drop-Off:

Starting October 5 (29 days) - 15 Drop-Off locations are available (drop box is inside an office building).



#### Curbside Drop-Off:

Starting October 29 (5 days) - 10 Curbside drop-off locations are available (stay in your car, hand ballot to pollworkers)



#### Election Day Drop-Off:

Election Day November 3 (1 day) - 100 poll place drop-off locations are available on Election day- all locations are open 7am to 8pm.

All ballots must be received or post-marked by November 3. All postage is paid by the Registrar of Voters Office for voters mailing ballots back to our office. Voters do not have to vote this ballot, and can still choose to vote in-person using one of the options listed below.

# Limited Contact Voting:



At your assigned <u>poll place</u>, all voters can request to vote "Curb-Side" from the comfort of your vehicle. Look for the blue cone outside of your polling place, and call the number listed on the cone. Pollworkers will come out to your car with your ballot and will securely deposit it for you.

This same curb-side option is available if you want to drop off your vote by mail ballot. It may be preferable for you to remain in your vehicle and we support that option.

# **In-Person Voting:**



Traditional poll place are still available. Your assigned location is included on the cover sheet with your official ballot. Some voters may experience additional wait times due to the need to provide social distancing within the voting location. Please be prepared it may take longer than usual to vote at your polling place.

COVID-19 INFO:

#### Pollworkers and Staff:

All poll workers will be required to wear masks and shields, additionally the Registrar of Voters will provide gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes.

#### Voters:

Voters will be required to wear face coverings as required by state law. Face coverings will be provided to any voter needing one. Hand Sanitizer and disposable pens will be provided to all voters. Voters without face coverings will be encouraged to vote from the safety of their vehicles, or when the pollworkers can clear the area for the safety of other voters.

We encourage all citizens to follow the mandated health requirements to help protect our staff and community partners. Without our staff and volunteers we cannot successfully execute an election! Please help us minimize the risk to those helping to administer your voting rights!

The following pages outline the specific addresses and hours available for each of the options on this page. Look for the icons next to the type of voting described based on your preferred option.

# **BALLOT RETURN & VOTING ADDRESSES**



October 5 to November 3, voters can drop off ballots at the following locations. (Drop Boxes are inside office buildings.)

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Benicia	Benicia City Clerk	250 East L St.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Closed Every-Other Friday)
Dixon	Dixon City Clerk	600 East A St.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Fairfield	Fairfield City Clerk	1000 Webster St. 4th Floor	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. (closed 1st and 3rd Fridays of month)
Fairfield	Fairfield/Suisun Unified School District Office	2490 Hilborn Rd.	M-F 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St.—Suite 2600	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Fairfield	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Dr.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Rio Vista	River Delta School District Office	445 Montezuma St.	M-F. 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Suisun City	Suisun City Clerk	701 Civic Center Blvd.	M-TH. 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Travis AFB	Travis Voting Office (base access required)	351 Travis Ave.	M-F 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. (closes 3:00pm on Thursdays)
Vacaville	Nut Tree Airport	301 County Airport Dr.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (closed 12pm to 1pm daily)
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	M-TH 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. (closed Fridays)
Vacaville	Solano Irrigation District Administrative Office	810 Vaca Valley Parkway	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Vallejo	Vallejo City Clerk	555 Santa Clara St. 2nd floor.	M-TH 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrounds	900 Fairgrounds Dr	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Vallejo	Masonic Temple	101 Temple Way	M-F 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

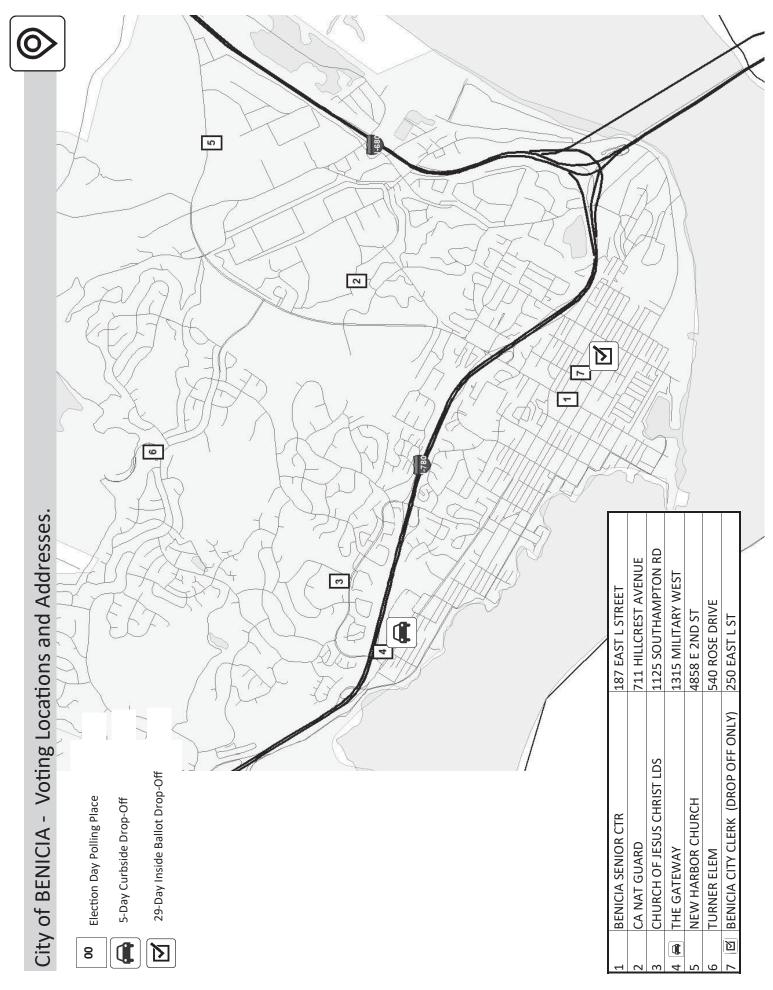


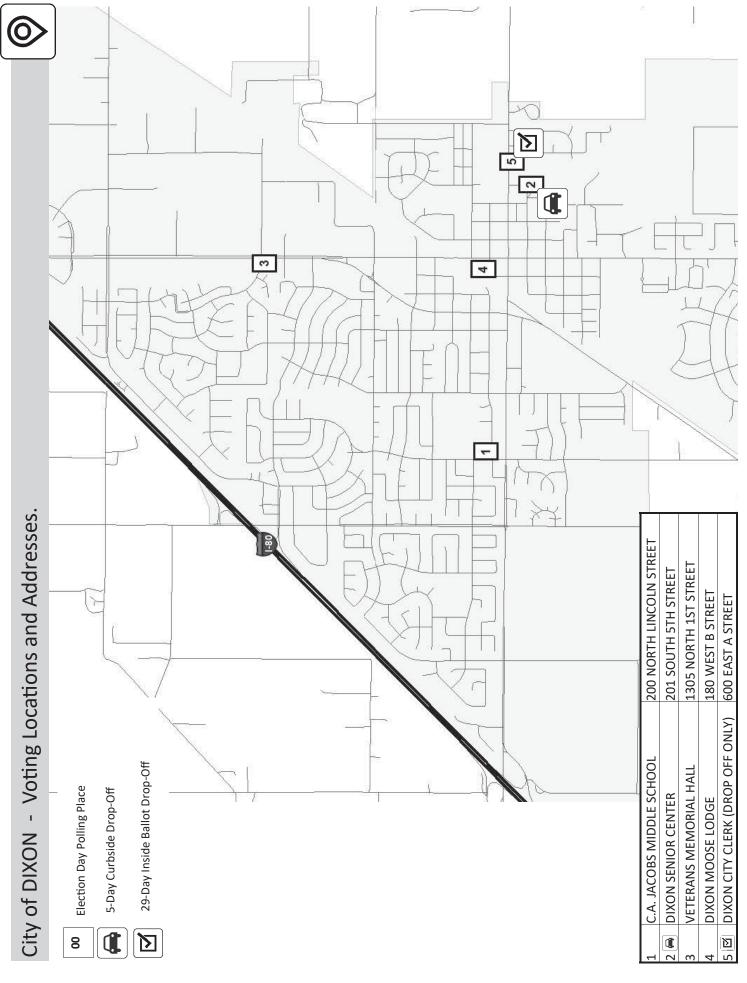
October 29, 30, 31, Nov. 2 and Nov 3, voters can drop off ballots "Curbside" at the following locations. (Stay in your car, hand ballot to pollworkers)

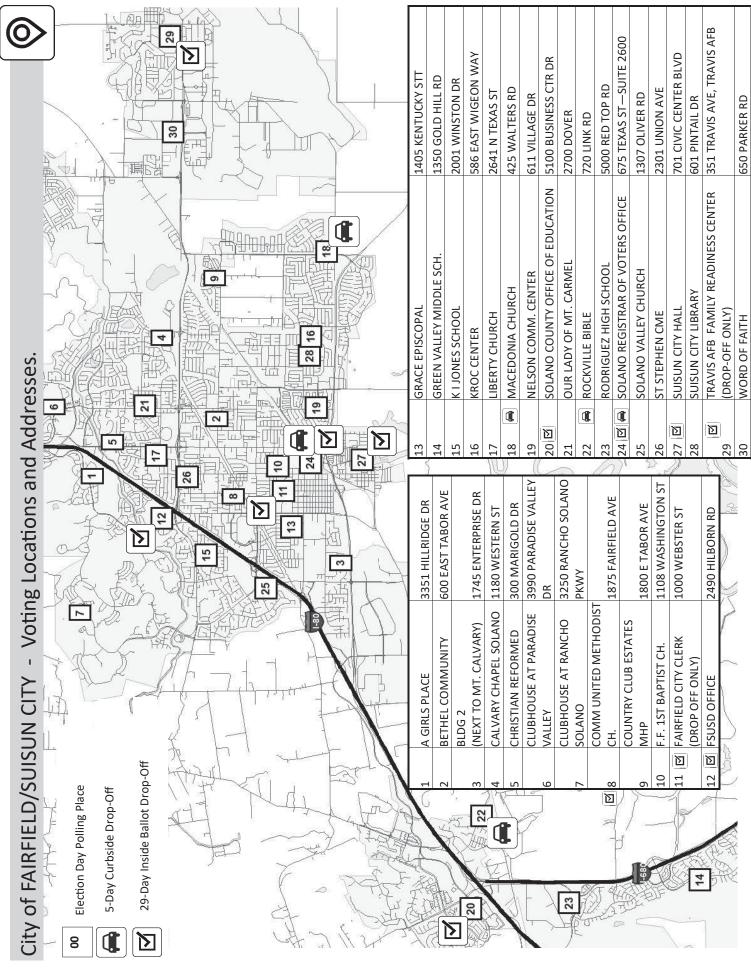
City	Name	Address	Hours Available	
Benicia	The Gateway Church	1315 Military West	All Locations are open 8:00a.m. to	
Dixon	Dixon Senior Center	201 South 5th St.	5:00p.m., including Saturday, plus 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. on Election Day.	
Fairfield	Rockville Bible Church	720 Link Rd.		
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St.—suite 2600		
Suisun City	Macedonia Church	425 Walters Rd.		
Rio Vista	Haps Bait and Tackle	84 Main St.		
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.		
Vacaville	Mission Church	6391 Leisure Town Rd.		
Vallejo	Cal Maritime Academy (Aquatic Center.)	117 Maritime Academy Dr.		
Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrounds	900 Fairgrounds Dr		

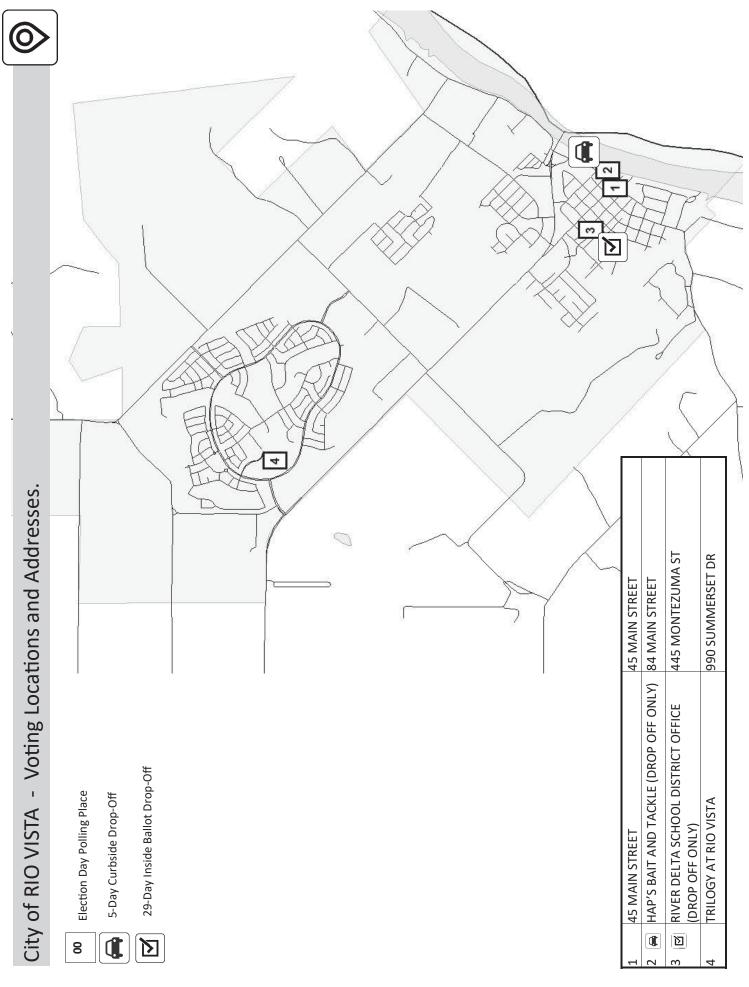


On November 3, ballots can be dropped off at any location listed above, plus 100 poll-place locations listed on the following pages.

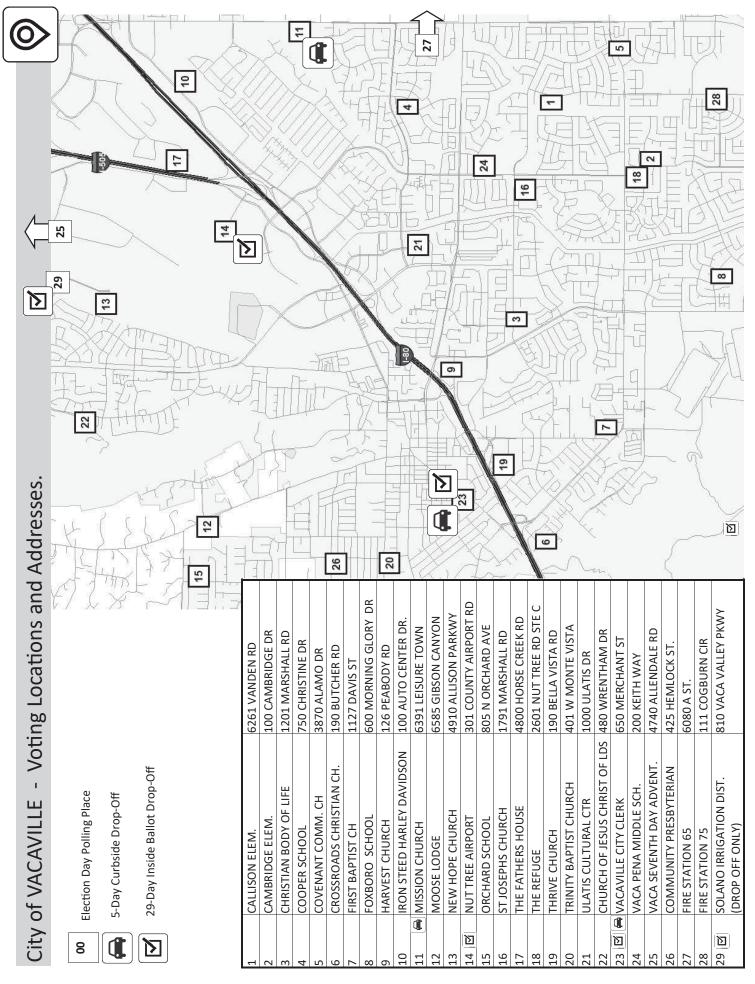


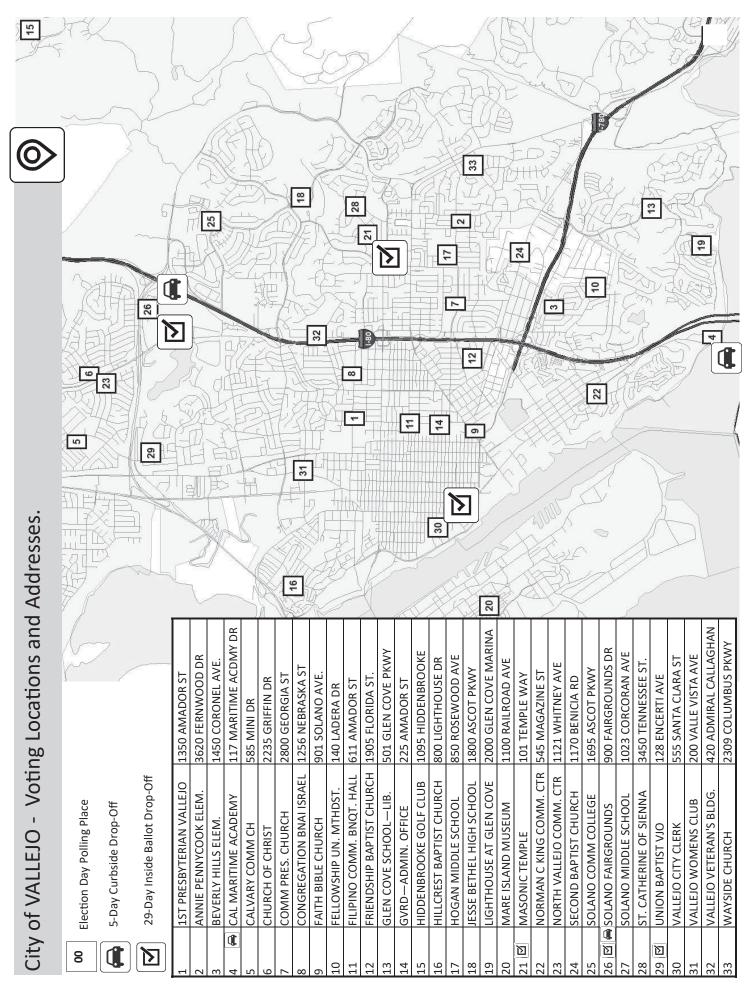






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#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA **UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTANTE DEL CONGRESO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, DISTRITO 3** JOHN GARAMENDI JOHN GARAMENDI Occupation: Congressman & Rancher Ocupación: Congresista y Hacendado Education and Qualifications: It's been a very difficult and tragic year, a year of Educación y perfil profesional: Ha sido un año muy difícil y trágico; un año de anxiety and fear, a year of shutdowns and layoffs. The Covid-19 pandemic has shattered ansiedad, miedo, cierres y despidos. La pandemia de la Covid-19 ha destruido la vida American life and for many their personal dreams of a good tomorrow. The very nature de Estados Unidos y en el caso de muchos, sus sueños personales de un meior futuro. of our society and system of government, education and employment have been called Se ha puesto en duda la naturaleza misma de nuestra sociedad y sistemas de gobierno, into question. educación v empleo. Since 1776 Americans have endured hardships and pulled together to renew, restart, and Desde 1776, los estadounidenses han superado dificultades y han unido esfuerzos continue the promise of our democracy. Now is the test of our character, our courage, para renovar, reiniciar y continuar con la promesa de nuestra democracia. Estamos and our capacity to respond to the challenge. I find optimism in our nation's history of viviendo una prueba para nuestro carácter, nuestra valentía y nuestra capacidad para perseverance to find the light in the face of seemingly insurmountable despair. responder ante los desafíos. Encuentro el optimismo en la historia de perseverancia de nuestra nación para encontrar la luz ante la aparentemente insuperable desesperanza. My greatest concern is the safety, health, and economic security of the people in my district. That is why I am proud to have voted for both the Cares Act and the Heroes Act, Mi mayor preocupación es la seguridad, salud y seguridad económica de las personas legislation that sent relief to millions of Americans. By following public health guidelines de mi distrito. Es por eso que me enorgullezco de haber votado tanto por la Ley Cares and working together we can get the infection rate down and have a reasonable chance y la Ley Heroes que brindan asistencia a millones de estadounidenses. Cumpliendo con las normas de salud pública y trabajando en conjunto podemos disminuir la tasa de of staying healthy, reopening businesses, and going back to work. infección y tener la posibilidad razonable de mantenernos saludables, abrir nuevamente It's an honor being your voice in Congress as we work together to put our economy back los comercios y volver a trabajar. on track. Together we must fight for quality education and health care for everyone. We must protect our environment, tackle climate change, create good middle class jobs Es un honor ser su voz en el Congreso mientras trabajamos juntos para retomar el buen and assure opportunities for everyone. camino de nuestra economía. Juntos podemos luchar por una educación de calidad y cuidados de la salud para todos. Debemos proteger nuestro ambiente, enfrentar el I thank you and express my sincere gratitude for your past support. I humbly ask for cambio climático, crear buenos empleos para la clase media y garantizar oportunidades your vote. para todos. Le agradezco sinceramente su apoyo en el pasado. Respetuosamente le pido su voto. STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA **UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS EN EL CONGRESO, DISTRITO 3** TAMIKA HAMILTON AGE: 35 TAMIKA HAMILTON EDAD: 35 **Occupation:** Air Force Sergeant Ocupación: Sargento de la Fuerza Aérea Education and Qualifications: I'm a veteran of the United States Air Force and proud Educación y perfil profesional: Soy una veterana de la Fuerza Aérea de los Estados mother. I take pride in serving my country and community. I'm passionate about restoring Unidos y una madre orgullosa. Me enorgullece servir a mi país y a mi comunidad. Me the hope of the American dream to our neighborhoods and securing the future for the apasiona restaurar la esperanza del Sueño Americano en nuestros vecindarios y asegurar next generation. el futuro para la próxima generación. We need new representatives in Congress if we're going to secure that future -Necesitamos nuevos representantes en el Congreso si queremos asegurar ese futuro, representatives who understand government exists to serve the whole community, representantes que entiendan que el gobierno existe para servir a toda la comunidad, not just the politically connected. As your representative in Congress, I promise to rise no solo a quienes están conectados políticamente. Como su representante en el above the partisan rhetoric and empty battles that only end up hurting underserved Congreso, prometo superar la retórica partidista y las batallas vacías que solo terminan perjudicando a las comunidades desatendidas y a las mismas personas que se supone communities and the very people government is supposed to protect. que el gobierno debe proteger. Our farmers, small business owners, veterans and residents deserve the simple assurance of knowing they're fairly represented and that their needs come first. As your Nuestros agricultores, pequeños propietarios de negocios, veteranos y residentes Congresswoman, I'll fight to ensure our farmers have access to water resources and to merecen la seguridad de saber que están representados de manera justa y que sus make sure government respects hardworking taxpayers by protecting free enterprise necesidades son lo primero. Como su congresista, lucharé para asegurar que nuestros and keeping tax rates low, stable, and fair. agricultores tengan acceso a los recursos hídricos y para asegurarme de que el gobierno respete a los contribuyentes trabajadores protegiendo la libre empresa y manteniendo As a working woman and mother of four, I know all too well the struggles women face las tasas impositivas bajas, estables y justas. professionally -- it's time to implement paid family leave at the federal level. I will work to get that done. To make sure underserved communities have access to opportunities, Como mujer trabajadora y madre de cuatro hijos, conozco muy bien las luchas que I'll work with the federal government to expand opportunity zones to working-class enfrentan las mujeres profesionalmente; es hora de implementar la licencia familiar areas of our district. remunerada a nivel federal. Trabajaré para lograrlo. Para asegurarme de que las comunidades desatendidas tengan acceso a oportunidades, trabajaré con el gobierno You can count on me to complete the mission. I humbly ask for your trust and your vote. federal para expandir las zonas de oportunidad a las áreas de clase trabajadora de For more info visit VoteTamika.com. nuestro distrito. Pueden contar conmigo para cumplir la misión. Les pido humildemente su confianza v su voto. Para obtener más información, visite VoteTamika.com.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 3

# CARLOS SANTAMARIA

Occupation: Business Owner/Consultant

Education and Qualifications: As a Californian native working and having my own successful business, I pledge to RESPONSIBLY represent the people and businesses of District 3 as your next State Senator.

My mission is to help reshape the state legislature to serve the people, pass responsible, fair laws, and protect our civil liberties.

Having worked in the private sector for both small and large companies for most of my career in many leadership roles, I know first-hand what it takes to solve problems, work with individuals from all walks of life, and lead people successfully.

I understand the challenges that Americans experience everyday as I have worked in the private sector and as a business owner for over 30 years. My area of expertise is in high- performance buildings and workforce development in career technical education, developing training programs that provide career and job opportunities. These muchneeded jobs will improve our economy in District 3 and in California.

Our legislators are not focusing on jobs, I am committed to expanding workforce development training with addressing the homelessness with creating new and emerging private partnership job opportunities.

I am Pro 2nd Amendment, Pro-Life, Pro-Freedom of Religion, Support Law Enforcement, Pro-Business, Love our Great Country and State, and: "I Believe in California"

As your next State Senator, I promise to improve the economy and protect and fight for our God given rights.

On November 3rd, I would deeply appreciate your vote. Thank you. Visit my website at www.electsantamaria.com/

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR Member of the state assembly District 11

#### JIM FRAZIER

**Occupation:** Representing Solano County in the California State Assembly

Education and Qualifications: I am honored to represent Solano County in the California State Assembly. These are challenging times. Through weekly email/online updates, I have provided important information/resources for all of us effected by COVID-19 (sign up for updates at a11.asmdc.org). My office continues to be available for "hands-on" help with unemployment paperwork (call 707-399-3011). We have fought to preserve money in the budget for childcare, adult daycare and the intellectual and developmentally disabled.

Public safety remains my top priority. I support Black Lives Matter, banning chokeholds, peaceful protest and have the utmost respect for law enforcement, firefighters, 911 first responders and our Sheriff, who support my re-election.

As Transportation Committee Chair, I fought for funds to improve our aging roads, highways and bridges – requiring accountability for every dollar spent.

We established Solano County's first Commission for Women and Girls; authored legislation to add domestic violence education to school curriculums and supported Solano County's Family Justice Center which assists victims of domestic violence; voted to require prompt testing of rape kits to speed up criminal identification; authored legislation requiring PG&E to underground lines in fire prone areas; required drug makers to give 90-day notice before raising prices; authored laws to recognize Veterans on drivers' licenses, protect overseas military rights, fund Veteran street banners, provide resources for Travis Air Force Base.

I am here to serve you – and will continue to scrutinize every issue, every dollar spent, so that each decision I make remains in your best interest.

Assemblymember Jim Frazier – (925) 250-6831 Cell – JimFrazier@JimFrazierforAssembly.com

#### DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL DISTRITO 11

#### JIM FRAZIER

**Ocupación:** Representante del Condado de Solano en la Asamblea del Estado de California

Educación y perfil profesional: Es un honor para mí representar al Condado de Solano en la Asamblea del Estado de California. Estos son momentos difíciles. A través de actualizaciones semanales por correo electrónico o en línea, he proporcionado información y recursos importantes para todos nosotros que hemos sido afectados por la COVID-19 (regístrese para recibir las actualizaciones en a11.asmdc.org). Mi oficina sigue disponible para aportar ayuda "activa" con los trámites de desempleo (llame al 707-399-3011). Hemos luchado por preservar dinero en el presupuesto para el cuidado de niños, adultos y discapacitados intelectuales y del desarrollo.

La seguridad pública sigue siendo mi máxima prioridad. Apoyo a Black Lives Matter, la prohibición de estrangulamientos, las protestas pacíficas y tengo el mayor respeto por la preservación del orden público, los bomberos, los socorristas del 911 y nuestro Alguacil, quien apoya mi reelección.

Como Presidente del Comité de Transportación, luché por recaudar fondos para mejorar nuestras carreteras, autopistas y puentes antiguos, lo que requiere responsabilidad por cada dólar gastado.

Establecimos la primera Comisión para Mujeres y Niñas del Condado de Solano; redactamos la legislación para agregar la educación sobre violencia doméstica a los planes de estudio escolares y apoyamos el Centro de Justicia Familiar del Condado de Solano, el cual ayuda a las víctimas de violencia doméstica; votamos a favor de exigir pruebas rápidas con los kits de exámenes de violación para acelerar la identificación criminal; redactamos la legislación que le solicitó a la Compañía de Gas y Electricidad del Pacifico (Pacific Gas and Electric, PG&E) las líneas subterráneas en áreas propensas a incendios; exigimos a los fabricantes de medicamentos que avisaran con 90 días de antelación antes de subir los precios; redactamos leyes para reconocer a los Veteranos en las licencias de conducir, proteger los derechos militares en el extranjero, financiar las señalizaciones para Veteranos en las calles y proporcionar recursos para la Base de la Fuerza Aérea Travis.

Estoy aquí para servirles y continuaré examinando cada asunto, cada dólar gastado, de manera que cada decisión que tome sea de su mejor interés.

Miembro de la Asamblea Jim Frazier – Celular: (925) 250-6831 – JimFrazier@JimFrazierforAssembly.com

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Trustee Area No. 2

#### **BONNIE HAMILTON**

Occupation: Pediatrician and Parent

Education and Qualifications: As a pediatrician, mom, and community volunteer, I've spent almost 30 years caring for the health of local kids. I know that improving our community does not stop at the exam room, but with how we care for our students.

I'm running for Solano County Board of Education in the midst of a global pandemic because we need a leader with decades of expertise and practical experience to help protect the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff and to ensure our kids receive the best education possible during these challenging times.

Education was my pathway to opportunity. I wouldn't have gone to college without the encouragement of a teacher. Despite several detours, I worked to put myself through college, and a guidance counselor inspired me to pursue medicine.

On the Board, I'll ensure our schools are places where every student has the opportunity for success, whether by going to college or learning a valuable trade.

I'll fiercely advocate for accountability and transparency to safeguard that resources reach the classroom, and I'll prioritize getting all kids the technologies they need to succeed.

Join local parents and teachers - I'd be honored to have your vote!

www.DrBonnieHamilton.com

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Trustee Area No. 2

AMY SHARP Occupation: Incumbent/Children's Advocate AGE: 45

Education and Qualifications: Kids aren't one-size-fits-all, and their education shouldn't be either.

In my first term, I've worked hard to improve education for all our children – including those with special needs, those needing a second chance, and those being failed by the system. I've called for budget accountability and meeting transparency and won. I've pushed for access to career technical education. I've fought for schools to create opportunities while giving parents choices and a voice in education.

My proposal for direct-to-teacher grants was adopted and is cutting the red tape for needed supplies in classrooms. As Vallejo schools failed students of color and their families, I supported a community-driven effort for a Board-approved charter school that's bridging the opportunity gap in its second year of operation. I fought for and delivered a designated coordinator to ensure schools are ready for special needs students from Day One.

I'm proud of the progress, but there's more work to be done.

If re-elected, I'll continue keeping politics out, putting children first and parents back in charge. I'd be honored to earn your vote. Learn more at AmySharp.org or call my cell at 592-1829.

BA, Political Science/Government, CSU Sacramento; Masters in Governance, CSBA

#### DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL CONDADO DE SOLANO Área de Síndico Nro. 2

#### **BONNIE HAMILTON**

Ocupación: Pediatra y madre

Educación y perfil profesional: Como pediatra, madre y voluntaria de la comunidad he dedicado casi 30 años a cuidar la salud de los niños locales. Estoy consciente de que el trabajo por mejorar nuestra comunidad no se detiene en la sala de exámenes; sino en la manera como atendemos a nuestros estudiantes.

Me presento como candidata para la Junta de Educación del Condado de Solano en medio de una pandemia global porque necesitamos un líder con décadas de experiencia y práctica para que ayude a proteger la salud y seguridad de nuestros estudiantes, docentes y personal y para garantizar que nuestros niños reciban la mejor educación posible en estos tiempos difíciles.

La educación fue lo que me brindó las oportunidades. No habría estudiado en la universidad sin el incentivo de un maestro. A pesar de varios desvíos, trabajé para lograr finalizar la universidad y un consejero académico me alentó a estudiar medicina.

En la Junta, me aseguraré de que las escuelas sean lugares en los que todos los estudiantes tengan la oportunidad del éxito ya sea estudiando en la universidad o aprendiendo un oficio importante.

Defenderé intensamente la responsabilidad y transparencia a fin de garantizar que los recursos lleguen a los salones de clases y tendré como prioridad que todos los niños tengan acceso a las tecnologías que necesitan para alcanzar el éxito.

Únase a los padres y maestros locales. ¡Me sentiré honrada de recibir su voto!

www.DrBonnieHamilton.com

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD Solano Community College District, Trustee Area No. 7

#### MICHAEL A. MARTIN Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: A lifelong resident of Winters, graduate of Solano Community College and Sacramento State with a business degree, Park Ranger/ Supervisor for 30 years, I have continued to manage the family walnut ranch. I strive to give back and provide value to my community by serving as a city councilman, mayor and now as a Board Trustee with a commitment to excellence in education.

My duties as a quality governing board member are as follows: to ensure student success, support faculty, assure equitable policy, promote Early College for high school students, keep education affordable and maintain a balanced budget. During this pandemic, I'm proud of the board's foresight which allowed us to utilize financial reserves to carry us into the future providing the best education for our students.

I strongly support workforce development, our veterans, those who've aged out of foster care looking to continue their formal education, whether career technical or university bound. I'm so proud and honored to represent Solano College and ask for your continued support to elevate education within our diverse community.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD Solano Community College District, Trustee Area No. 7

#### **CATHERINE C FROST**

Occupation: Retired College Administrator

Education and Qualifications: AA – Solano College, BA – UC Davis, MA – Sacramento State University

I am a retired community college administrator and Solano College Alumni with over 32 years of leadership experience, including 18 years at Solano Community College. I am an advocate for students and have a demonstrated reputation for putting students first. As a champion for social justice, I have shown my support on many occasions using my privilege and position at the college to protect Black and Brown students' rights. I believe we need to address the institutional and systemic racism that exists in all organizations. I promise to keep equity in every conversation and lead by example. I am not afraid to speak up for what is right. Solano College is my home. I promise to provide access and support to any student who wants to further their education which will guarantee success in life. In closing, in the words of the late Representative John Lewis, "You cannot be afraid to speak up and speak out for what you believe. You have to have courage, raw courage." I believe in our students and accept this challenge. I am the best candidate.

#### DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO DE GOBIERNO Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios de Solano, Área de Síndico Nro. 7

# MICHAEL A. MARTIN

Ocupación: Titular

Educación y perfil profesional: Residente de toda la vida de Winters, graduado en la Solano Community College y el Estado de Sacramento con un título en negocios, Guardabosques y Supervisor durante 30 años, sigo administrando el rancho familiar de walnut. Me esfuerzo por retribuir y proporcionar valor a mi comunidad al servir como concejal de la ciudad, como alcalde y ahora como Síndico del Concejo con el compromiso por la excelencia en la educación.

Mis deberes como miembro del concejo de gobierno de calidad son los siguientes: asegurar el éxito de los estudiantes, apoyar a la facultad, asegurar una política equitativa, promover Early College para los estudiantes de secundaria, mantener la educación asequible y mantener un presupuesto equilibrado. Durante esta pandemia, estoy orgulloso de la previsión del concejo que nos permitió utilizar las reservas financieras para llevarnos al futuro y brindar la mejor educación para nuestros estudiantes.

Apoyo firmemente el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral, nuestros veteranos, aquellos que han crecido en hogares de crianza y que buscan seguir su educación formal, ya sea en una carrera técnica o en la universidad. Estoy muy orgulloso y honrado de representar a Solano College y les pido su apoyo continuo para mejorar la educación dentro de nuestra comunidad diversa.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL **City of Vacaville, District No. 5**

#### SHERIE MAHLBERG

Occupation: Business owner, Clinical Director and Marriage and Family Therapist for psychotherapy practice and VUSD Trustee.

Education and Qualifications: I am a female. downtown Vacaville business owner. commercial property owner, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, firefighter wife, police mom, and nine-year Vacaville School Board veteran. I have a masters degree in Psychology, the first in my family. Proud of my Latino heritage and my father's military service.

I do not take the choice to run for City Council lightly. I have called Vacaville my home for nearly 25 years. We chose Vacaville as the place to raise our three children, and I am daily glad that we did. Vacaville is a special place, and it is my heart to keep it as such. Because of my love for our city, I have always looked for productive ways to invest in the health of our community. I am committed to creating opportunities and protections for our small businesses, maintaining safety for all, and focus on our economic development. I commit to hearing, engaging, and representing district constituents. I will remain fiscally responsible, transparent, and continue to unite teams to get things done.

Vote Sherie Mahlberg for Vacaville City Council District 5.

www.VoteVacaville.com

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL City of Vacaville, District No. 5

#### JASON ROBERTS

#### AGE: 37

Occupation: Disaster Response / All Hazards Incident Management Team – Team Rubicon Military Intelligence Officer - California Army National Guard (Reserve Status) Inter-Agency Coordination Group - California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

Education and Qualifications: I am a proud long-time resident of District 5 Vacaville, a 13 year Army veteran with two deployments to Afghanistan with Special Operations, and I earned two Bachelor's degrees from UC Davis. Currently I work with Team Rubicon and CalOES helping communities in need prepare for and respond to disasters. I responded to the Redding and Paradise fires, as well as hurricanes across the US and internationally. These experiences reinforced the importance of service and inspired me to run for office.

Our community is facing unparalleled economic and social struggles. Now, more than ever, we need proven and dedicated leadership to help lead a fiscally responsible recovery and future for Vacaville. We can begin by helping locally owned businesses flourish, promoting community-based workforce and economic development programs, and establishing services to assist families juggling remote schooling and returning to work.

As a Vacaville City Council member my leadership experience will bring clear communication with the community, instill accountability, build strong community relationships, cultivate equality, and improve safety for all. People matter and I will be a no-nonsense voice for everyone, not special interests.

I humbly ask for your support and vote this November to represent you on City Council.

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#### DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL Ciudad de Vacaville, Distrito No. 5

#### **JASON ROBERTS**

EDAD: 37 Ocupación: Equipo de Gestión de Incidentes contra Todo Riesgo y de Respuesta ante Desastres: Equipo Rubicon Oficial de Inteligencia Militar: Guardia Nacional del Ejército de California (en la reserva) Grupo de Coordinación Interinstitucional: Oficina de Servicios de Emergencia de California (California Office of Emergency Services, CalOES)

Educación y perfil profesional: Soy residente orgulloso desde hace mucho tiempo del Distrito 5 de Vacaville, veterano del Ejército de 13 años con dos despliegues de Operaciones Especiales en Afganistán y obtuve dos títulos de licenciatura de la UC Davis. Actualmente trabajo con Team Rubicon y la CalOES ayudando a las comunidades necesitadas a prepararse y responder ante desastres. Atendí los incendios de Redding y Paradise, así como los huracanes en Estados Unidos e internacionalmente. Estas experiencias reforzaron la importancia del servicio y me inspiraron para postularme para el cargo.

Nuestra comunidad se enfrenta a luchas económicas y sociales sin precedentes. Ahora, más que nunca, necesitamos un liderazgo comprobado y dedicado para ayudar a liderar una recuperación y un futuro fiscal responsable para Vacaville. Podemos comenzar ayudando a que prosperen los negocios de propiedad local, promoviendo la fuerza laboral y los programas de desarrollo económico centrados en la comunidad, así como estableciendo servicios para ayudar a las familias a lidiar con la educación a distancia y regresar al trabajo.

Como miembro del Concejo Municipal de Vacaville, mi experiencia de liderazgo traerá una comunicación clara con la comunidad, inculcará la responsabilidad, construirá relaciones comunitarias sólidas, cultivará la igualdad y mejorará la seguridad para todos. Las personas son importantes y seré una voz sensata para todos, no para intereses especiales.

Les pido humildemente su apoyo y su voto este noviembre para representarlos en el Concejo Municipal.

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# **MEASURE J**

### RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SFID NO. 1 REPAIR MEASURE

To upgrade schools, retain/attract guality teachers by repairing leaky roofs; removing asbestos/mold; BONDS building science labs; updating aging technology, YES fire/drinking water safety; repairing, constructing, equipping/acquiring educational facilities to prepare students for college/careers, shall River Delta Unified School District issue \$45,700,000 in bonds at legal rates levying an estimated 6¢/\$100 of BONDS assessed value, averaging \$2,600,000 raised NO annually while bonds are outstanding, requiring audits, citizens' oversight/ all funds used locally, be adopted?

#### IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J

#### SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – SCHOOL BOND MEASURE

Measure J would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds of the River Delta Unified School District ("District") in series in the aggregate amount of up to \$45,700,000 on behalf of School Facilities Improvement District No. 1. This measure will not amend any existing laws. The District's governing board ("Board") placed the measure on the ballot.

Measure **J** requires approval by 55 percent of the voters of the District voting on it.

The stated purpose of this measure is to upgrade schools, retain/ attract quality teachers by repairing leaky roofs; removing asbestos/ mold; building science labs; updating aging technology, fire/ drinking water safety; repairing, constructing, equipping/acquiring educational facilities to prepare students for college/careers.

Bond proceeds would be used to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of School Facilities District No. 1 as identified in the Project List (reprinted completely in the sample ballot pamphlet).

Inclusion of a project on the Project List does not guarantee that the project would be completed. The listed projects would be completed as needed at a school or facility site according to the Board's priorities, and the order in which the projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority. The District cannot guarantee that the bonds would provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. Certain projects may require State matching funds for their completion.

The bond proceeds could not be used to pay for salaries and other operating expenses. The District would be required to conduct annual, independent financial and performance audits and appoint a citizen's oversight committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent only for the specific projects listed in the Project List.

If Measure **J** is approved by the voters, the District may issue bonds either under the Government or Education Code. Bonds issued under the Government Code must mature within 30 years and may not have interest rates over 12%. Bonds issued under the Education Code must mature within 25 years and may be subject to a maximum interest rate of 8%. Each option comes with its own parameters, but in either case, the Board would be required to adopt a resolution indicating the reasons for the selected method of sale.

The procedures required for the approval and issuance of the general obligation bonds, including the process of submitting Measure **J** to the vote of the District's electors, are as specified in the California Government, Education and Election Codes.

A "Yes" vote on this measure means: general obligation bonds totaling up to \$45,700,000 <u>will</u> be issued to fund specified school facilities projects.

A "No" vote on this measure means: general obligation bonds totaling up to \$45,700,000 <u>will not</u> be issued to fund specified school facilities projects.

- /s/ Bernadette Curry Solano County Counsel
- EC § 9500

#### **MEASURE J**

### FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

Upon the passage of Measure J, the River Delta Unified School District ("School District") on behalf of School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 ("SFID No. 1") shall be authorized to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$45,700,000 (the "Bonds"), bearing interest at rates not exceeding the statutory limit, for the purpose of funding the school facilities projects listed below under the heading "School Facilities Projects to Be Funded with Proceeds of Bonds" (the "Bond Projects").

#### **Bond Accountability Measures**

The Board certifies that it evaluated safety, condition of aging classrooms and schools, class size reduction, career technology, and information technology needs in developing the list of the Projects set forth below.

The Board will conduct financial and performance audits annually to account for the Bond funds and for their expenditure on the specific authorized projects.

The Board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee (the "Citizens' Oversight Committee") having a minimum of seven members and including at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the School District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the School District, and one member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the School District and active in a parent-teacher organization.

The Project List set forth below describes the specific projects the School District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, removal, or replacement, along with related costs of school facilities as set forth herein, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities.

#### School Facilities Projects to Be Funded with Proceeds of Bonds

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the School District intends to complete Projects using a combination of funding sources. These sources may include joint-use funds, development impact fees, state funds, and other available funds. The School District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for Projects on this list of authorized Projects or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted in Education Code section 17070.63(c).

It is the intent of this Resolution to generate funds for the construction, reconstruction, modernization, repair, and upgrade of schools serving School District students in SFID No. 1 as identified in the attached map (see "Exhibit A-1").

Specific Projects which may be funded by the Bonds shall include the following:

# Infrastructure and Systems

- Repair/replace/upgrade drinking water systems to ensure safe drinking water. These systems may include additional wells and well filtration systems.
- Install and/or replace/repair/upgrade fire water systems. These systems may include fire hydrants, backflow prevention systems, double decker valves, fire sprinklers, and appurtenant infrastructure.
- Install/update/replace/repair fire and life safety systems as required by current codes and/or the Division of the State Architect. These systems could include, but are not be limited to: Ansul systems; door hardware; fire suppression systems; remove unrated space; upgrade existing spaces for fire safety; kitchen and kitchen equipment upgrades, etc.
- Replace/repair/upgrade electrical systems to current standards.
- Install and/or replace/repair/upgrade equipment and technology systems necessary for student learning, efficient operations, increased capacity and/or processing speed. These systems may include but are not limited to wiring for computer systems and internet.
- Replace/repair/upgrade heating, air conditioning, and ventilation systems with new energy efficient systems.
- Replace/repair/upgrade emergency power systems.

- Install and/or replace/repair/upgrade security systems. These systems may include fencing, gates, video surveillance cameras, security alarms, security bars, door hardware, blackout curtains, and other security measures.
- Replace/repair/upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems and controls.
- Replace/repair/upgrade public address, intercom, clock, bell, telephone and/or VOIP systems.
- Install updated energy management systems, to promote energy efficiency and cost reduction.

#### **Building and Grounds**

- Replace/repair/upgrade roof and roof drainage systems including but not limited to eliminating leaky roofs. Replace damaged areas due to dry rot.
- Repair/replace/upgrade deteriorating sewer and gas lines.
- Upgrade seismic, structural, and fire-life safety systems.
- Constructions of science laboratories.
- Replace/repair/upgrade plumbing systems, including repair/removal/replacement of boiler systems.
- Upgrade student and staff restrooms to current standards including accessibility.
- Install/update/replace/repair American Disability Act systems as required by current codes and/or the Division of the State Architect. These systems could include, but are not limited to: accessible ramps to portable classrooms; detectable warning surface on paving edge; install/repair handrails; install/replace signage; install curb ramps; install accessible doors; install/repair accessible restrooms, for both students and staff; install/repair accessible drinking fountains; install/repair site asphalt and/or concrete for path of travel, parking and accessibility; field improvements related to restrooms, accessibility and viewing, etc.
- Replace/repair/upgrade security/surveillance systems, add additional systems where needed.
- Upgrade of classrooms and facilities at any School District school site within SFID No. 1 boundaries.
- Repair/replace/upgrade/remove portable classrooms.
- Improve and upgrade school sites through necessary site work including but not limited to; excavation and/or grading, removal of
  obsolete portable classrooms and other outdated systems, installation of landscaping, and construction and paving of pathways.
- Repair/replace/upgrade window and flashing systems.
- Repair/replace/upgrade stucco and siding.
- Replace/repair/upgrade/construct library, multi-purpose, cafeteria, gymnasium, athletic, field, classroom, office and support spaces, and/or computer lab facilities.
- Repaint/upgrade interior finishes.
- Repaint building exteriors.
- Replace/repair/upgrade flooring systems.
- Asbestos, mold, and lead abatement or encapsulation.
- Upgrade and improve scope in the flood plain to protect existing and new facilities.

#### Parking, Emergency Vehicle and Access Roads, Asphalt Hardcourts

- Replace/repair/upgrade asphalt paving, including correction of drainage problems. Replace asphalt systems site-wide as necessary.
- Repair/upgrade and/or expand school site parking, roadways, grounds and other infrastructure such as utility systems, including installing exterior lighting, repairing pathways, walkways, ADA access ramps and related landscaping

#### Play Fields, Sports Facilities, and Play Structures

- Replace/repair/upgrade/improve safety of physical education, sports facilities, and play structures and fall zone surfacing.
- Replace/repair/upgrade athletic and recreation fields/courts and hardscape areas, including automating irrigation systems.
- Replace/repair/upgrade athletic facilities such as press box and bleachers.

The need for each of these Projects, as well as others, is specified and detailed in the **River Delta Unified School District Facility Condition Assessment Report (the "Report")** dated October 13, 2019 and incorporated herein by reference. Additional Projects not specified above may be necessary based on the Report. These additional Projects include work identified in the Report, to the extent it serves SFID No. 1. Such additional Projects include, but are not limited to, the acquisition of land, instructional, maintenance and operational furniture and equipment; preparation of all facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, and environmental studies; acquisition of temporary housing for displaced programs or activities caused or necessitated by construction projects, and construction, repairs, and improvements in the event of unforeseen emergencies or other circumstances in order to permit the continuance of existing educational services or to avoid danger to life or property; other work necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Division of State Architect or other State laws, codes, and regulations.

#### Bond Program Management Costs

Project expenditures may also include:

- Program Costs: Staffing and other general and administrative costs to manage and execute the Bond Program.
- Escalation Reserve: Reserve for unforeseen inflation costs.
- Program Reserve: Reserve for unanticipated scope costs or for unanticipated opportunities to enhance Project scope or schedules.

Further, each Project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and Bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, Bond Project staff, staff training expenses associated with new Bond-funded equipment and systems, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs.

For any of the Bond Projects described above with respect to construction at an existing School District site, the School District is authorized to identify an alternate site and/or acquire land for such purpose and construct the approved Project at such site if the School District has determined that the existing site does not satisfy the requirements of the Division of State Architect or other State laws, codes, and regulations, including, but not limited to hazardous substances, applicable to school district properties.

The final cost of each Project will be determined as plans are finalized and Projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each Project, certain of the Projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. The allocation of Bond proceeds may also be affected by the final costs of each Project.

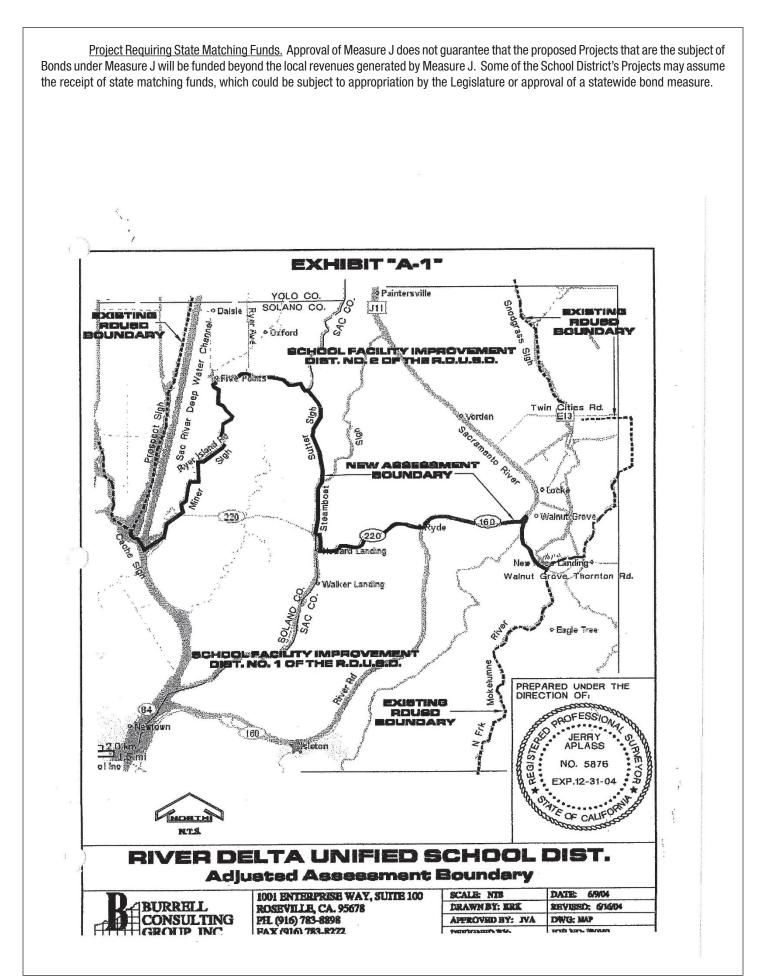
Necessary site preparation/grading/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, reconstruction, modernization, renovation, rehabilitation or replacement, furnishing and equipping, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

#### Additional Specifications

Listed Projects, including repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects, and upgrades, will be completed only as feasible, and the list of Projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Such prioritization remains within the province of the Board of Education by subsequent action. The Projects may be completed at any and all school sites where such Project is determined necessary. Where economically feasible, buildings, fixtures, and equipment may be replaced rather than modernized, renovated, or repaired.

<u>Single Purpose.</u> All of the purposes enumerated in this Bond measure shall be united and voted upon as one single measure, pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the Bonds and proceeds of the Bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the Bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The Bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a plan of finance determined by the Board pursuant to requirements of law.



### MEASURE J TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held within the boundaries of School Facility Improvement District No. 1 ("SFID No. 1) of the River Delta Unified School District (the "School District") on November 3, 2020, to authorize the sale of up to \$45,700,000 in bonds to upgrade schools, retain/attract quality teachers by repairing leaky roofs; removing asbestos/mold; building science labs; updating aging technology, fire/drinking water safety; repairing, constructing, equipping/acquiring educational facilities to prepare students for college/careers, with local funding that cannot be taken by the State, independent citizen oversight, and all funds used for River Delta Schools within SFID No. 1.

If the bonds are authorized and sold, debt service thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the SFID No. 1. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9405 of the Elections Code of the State of California. It is anticipated that the School District will sell the bonds on behalf of SFID No. 1 in three separate series.

1. The best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the life of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 5.995¢ per \$100 (\$59.95 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053- 2054.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 6.0¢ per \$100 (\$60.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation which would first occur in fiscal year 2021 – 2022.

3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, which would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$85,686,013. This estimate is based on assumptions that interest rates will increase over time, and the Bonds will have a maximum term of 30 years per series.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on Sacramento and Solano County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the School District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the School District. The actual tax rates, debt service, and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds.

The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the School District based on the need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the School District as determined by the Sacramento County and Solano County Assessors in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: June 23, 2020

/s/ Katherine Wright Superintendent River Delta Unified School District

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J**

Vote Yes on Measure J:

River Delta USD classrooms and buildings are in urgent need of basic repairs and safety upgrades. Some schools were built more than 90 years ago and need fixes to leaky roofs, deteriorating sewer and gas lines, aging electrical systems and more.

Measure J will upgrade classrooms, computer technology, and vocational training rooms to improve student learning so they are prepared to compete for good-paying jobs in a changing 21st century economy.

A Yes Vote on Measure J will repair and upgrade infrastructure to:

- keep schools clean and safe,
- retain quality teachers,
- improve drinking water safety, fire safety,
- repair leaky roofs, deteriorating sewer and gas lines, plumbing and bathrooms,
- remove asbestos, mold, and lead paint,
- update electrical wiring for computers/internet access to provide career and technical education,
- improve ADA accessibility,
- build a science lab and more.

By law:

- all funds will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee, which will review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction.
- the District must conduct annual independent financial and performance audits ensuring that proceeds are only spent on specific local school facility projects; all spending will be disclosed publicly.

Every child deserves to learn in safe, clean, high-quality schools. Please Vote Yes on Measure J.

<u>Signatures</u>

- /s/ Kathy Rankine Business Owner
- /s/ Walter Mamos Voter
- /s/ James Wheeler Voter
- /s/ Lee Williams Business Owner
- /s/ Vera Sunada Voter

# **MEASURE V**

### **CITY OF VACAVILLE**

To fund general municipal expenses such as police, fire, roads and recreation, shall the City tax cannabis or hemp businesses at annual rates not to exceed \$10.00 per canopy square foot for cultivation (adjustable for inflation), 6% of gross receipts for retail cannabis businesses, and 4% for all other cannabis businesses; which could generate up to \$400,000 to \$600,000 annually subject to cannabis businesses operating within the City and will be levied until repealed by the voters?

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE V CITY OF VACAVILLE

Measure V was placed on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the Vacaville City Council. If approved by a majority vote of Vacaville voters Measure V will add an Ordinance, Chapter 5.38 (Cannabis Business Tax) ("Ordinance"), to Title 5 of the Vacaville Municipal Code, imposing a tax on cannabis businesses operating within the City.

The Ordinance defines a cannabis business as a business activity that involves cannabis or industrial hemp, and includes related activities such as cultivation, transportation, distribution, manufacturing, compounding, converting, processing, preparing, storing, packaging, delivering, testing, dispensing, retailing, wholesaling and all other business activities. The Ordinance requires and enforces cannabis business registration, and reporting, and remitting cannabis taxes to the City.

The Ordinance sets maximum tax rates for commercial cannabis cultivation, including industrial hemp, ranging from \$2.00 - \$10.00 per square foot of canopy space depending on the type facility in which the cultivation activity is conducted (based primarily on type of lighting: natural or artificial). The rates increase annually by a specified consumer price index commencing on January 1, 2024. The Ordinance sets maximum tax rates for other cannabis businesses, including industrial hemp, ranging between 2% to 6% of gross receipts depending on the type of cannabis business.

The City Council may increase or decrease the rate of the cannabis business tax up to the maximum allowed. The City Council may not increase the tax rates above the maximum allowed, or repeal the tax, without voter approval.

The tax is only on commercial cannabis businesses and is not a sales tax imposed on individuals purchasing adult-use or medical cannabis. The tax would not be imposed on persons engaged only

in personal cultivation for personal consumption in accordance with current state law.

Measure V is a general tax. All revenue from this tax would be deposited into the City's General Fund and could be used for any lawful municipal purpose such as general City operations and services. The tax would be effective January 1, 2021 and would remain in effect until repealed by the voters.

The City of Vacaville currently does not permit cannabis businesses to operate in the City and this Ordinance does not authorize any cannabis business to operate in the City. Should any cannabis business be authorized to, or otherwise operate in Vacaville on or after January 1, 2021, those businesses would be obligated to pay the tax instituted by the Ordinance. Acceptance of a cannabis business tax payment does not constitute authorization or approval to conduct any unauthorized cannabis business.

A "yes" vote is a vote to approve the cannabis business tax.

A "no" vote is a vote to reject the cannabis business tax.

/s/ Melinda C. H. Stewart City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure V. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at 707-449-5100 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

### **MEASURE V**

#### FULL TEXT

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 5.38 (CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX) TO TITLE 5 OF THE VACAVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE

# THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CODE AMENDMENT. Chapter 5.38 is added to Title 5 of the Vacaville Municipal Code to read as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 5.38**

5.38.010	Title.
5.38.020	Authority and purpose.
5.38.030	Intent.
5.38.040	Definitions.
5.38.050	Tax imposed.
5.38.060	Registration, reporting, and remittance of tax.
5.38.070	Payments and communications -timely remittance.
5.38.080	Payment – when taxes deemed delinquent.
5.38.090	Notice not required by City.
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#### 5.38.010 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance.

#### 5.38.020 Authority and Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt a tax, for revenue purposes, pursuant to Sections 37101 and 37100.5 of the California Government Code, upon cannabis businesses that engage in business in the City. The Cannabis Business Tax is levied based upon business gross receipts except for commercial cannabis or industrial hemp cultivation which shall be taxed on square footage. It is not a sales and use tax, a tax upon income, or a tax upon real property and shall not be calculated or assessed as such. The Cannabis Business Tax shall not be separately identified or otherwise specifically assessed or charged to any member, customer, patient, or caretaker. The Cannabis Business Tax is a general tax enacted solely for general, governmental purposes of the City and not for specific purposes. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this Chapter shall be placed in the City's general fund and be available for any lawful municipal purpose.

#### 5.38.030 Intent.

The intent of this Ordinance is to levy a tax on all cannabis or industrial hemp businesses that operate in the City, regardless of whether such business would have been legal at the time this Chapter was adopted. Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted to authorize or permit any business activity that would not otherwise be legal or permissible under laws applicable to the activity at the time the activity is undertaken.

#### 5.38.040 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below when used in this Chapter:

A. "Business" shall include all activities engaged in or caused to be engaged in within the City, including any commercial or industrial enterprise, trade, profession, occupation, vocation, calling, or livelihood, whether or not carried on for gain or profit, but shall not include the services rendered by an employee to his or her employer.

B. "Calendar year" means January 1 through December 31, of the same year.

C. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. "Cannabis" shall not include "industrial hemp," unless otherwise specified.

D. "Cannabis product" means raw cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the raw agricultural product has been transformed into a concentrate, an edible product, or a topical product. "Cannabis product" also means cannabis products as defined by Section 11018.1 of the California Health and Safety Code and is not limited to medicinal cannabis products.

E. "Canopy" means all areas occupied by any portion of a cannabis or industrial hemp plant whether contiguous or noncontiguous on any one site. When plants occupy multiple vertical planes (as when plants are placed on shelving above other plants) each plane shall be counted as a separate canopy area.

F. "Cannabis business" means any business activity involving cannabis or industrial hemp, including but not limited to cultivating, transporting, distributing, manufacturing, compounding, converting, processing, preparing, storing, packaging, delivering, testing, dispensing, retailing, and wholesaling of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp, industrial hemp products, or of ancillary products and accessories, whether or not carried on for gain or profit.

G. "Cannabis business tax" or "business tax," means the tax due pursuant to this Chapter for engaging in a cannabis business in the City.

H. "Commercial cannabis cultivation" means cultivation of cannabis or industrial hemp undertaken in the course of conducting a cannabis business.

I. "Commercial cannabis permit" means a permit issued by the City to a person to authorize that person to operate a cannabis business or engage in business as a cannabis business within the City.

J. "Cultivation" means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis or industrial hemp and includes, but is not limited to, the operation of a nursery.

K. "Employee" means each and every person engaged in the operation or conduct of any business, whether as owner, member of the owner's family, partner, associate, agent, manager, or solicitor, and each and every other person employed or working in such business for a wage, salary, commission, barter, or any other form of compensation.

L. "Engaged in business as a cannabis business" means the commencing, conducting, operating, managing, or carrying on of a cannabis business, whether done as owner, or by means of an officer, agent, manager, employee, or otherwise, whether operating from a fixed location in the City or coming into the City from an outside location to engage in such activities. A person shall be deemed engaged in business within the City if:

1. Such person or person's employee maintains a fixed place of business within the City for the benefit or partial benefit of such person;

2. Such person or person's employee owns or leases real property within the City for business purposes;

3. Such person or person's employee regularly maintains a stock of tangible personal property in the City for sale in the ordinary course of business;

4. Such person or person's employee regularly conducts solicitation of business within the City; or

5. Such person or person's employee performs work or renders services in the City.

The foregoing specified activities shall not be a limitation on the meaning of "engaged in business."

M. "Evidence of doing business" means evidence such as, without limitation, use of signs, circulars, cards, or any other advertising media, including the use of internet or telephone solicitation, or representation to a government agency or to the public that such person is engaged in a cannabis business in the City.

N. "Gross Receipts," except as otherwise specifically provided, means, whether designated as a sales price, royalty, rent, membership fee, ATM service fee, delivery fee, slotting fee, any other fee, vaping room service charge, commission, dividend, or other designation, the total amount (including all receipts, cash, credits, services and property of any kind or nature) received or payable for sales of goods, wares or merchandise, or for the performance of any act or service of any nature for which a charge is made or credit allowed (whether such service, act or employment is done as part of or in connection with the sale of goods, wares, merchandise or not), without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, losses or any other expense whatsoever. However, the following shall be excluded from Gross Receipts:

1. Cash discounts where allowed and taken on sales;

2. Any tax required by law to be included in or added to the purchase price and collected from the consumer or purchaser;

3. Such part of the sale price of any property returned by purchasers to the seller as refunded by the seller by way of cash or credit allowances or return of refundable deposits previously included in gross receipts;

4. Receipts derived from the occasional sale of used, obsolete or surplus trade fixtures, machinery or other equipment used by the taxpayer in the regular course of the taxpayer's business;

5. Cash value of sales, trades or transactions between departments or units of the same business located in the City of Vacaville or if authorized by the Tax Administrator in writing in accordance with section 5.38.140 (B);

6. Whenever there are included within the gross receipts amounts which reflect sales for which credit is extended and such amount proved uncollectible in a subsequent year, those amounts may be excluded from the gross receipts in the year they prove to be uncollectible; provided, however, if the whole or portion of such amounts excluded as uncollectible are subsequently collected they shall be included in the amount of gross receipts for the period when they are recovered;

7. Receipts of refundable deposits, except that such deposits when forfeited and taken into income of the business shall not be excluded when in excess of one dollar;

8. Amounts collected for others where the business is acting as an agent or trustee and to the extent that such amounts are paid to those for whom collected. These agents or trustees must provide the City's Administrative Services Department with the names and the addresses of the others and the amounts paid to them. This exclusion shall not apply to any fees, percentages, or other payments retained by the agent or trustees.

9. Retail sales of non-cannabis products, such as t-shirts, sweaters, hats, stickers, key chains, bags, books, posters, rolling papers, cannabis accessories such as pipes, pipe screens, vape pen batteries (without cannabis or industrial hemp) or other personal tangible property which the Tax Administrator has excluded in writing by issuing an administrative ruling per Section 5.38.140 shall not be subject to the cannabis business tax under this Chapter. However, any business activities not subject to this Chapter as a result of an administrative ruling shall be subject to the appropriate business tax provisions of Title 5, Chapter 5.04 or any other Title or Chapter of this code as determined by the Tax Administrator.

10. Payments made by the tax-reporting cannabis business (Seller) to a cannabis business (Buyer) for the difference in the original acquisition price and subsequent renegotiated or finalized selling price of products or services sold to a specific end customer. This type of transaction is referred to as a "Billback". The tax-reporting cannabis business must provide supporting documentation to substantiate the transaction in order to be eligible for an exemption.

11. Any business which sells industrial hemp and/or hemp products or offers services or activities related to industrial hemp or hemp products and /or which is not required to obtain a cannabis or industrial hemp permit or license from the City or the State for the purpose of cultivating, growing, drying, curing, manufacturing, processing, packaging, transporting, distributing, testing or selling of industrial hemp either wholesale or retail shall be exempt from the cannabis tax provided that such business does not generate more than 50% of their total gross receipts in the reporting period from the business from industrial hemp activities. However, the exemption may be amended by the City Council by resolution or ordinance pursuant to Section 5.38.050 (B) to increase or decrease the percentage of the business's hemp and/or hemp products gross receipts reporting from zero to one hundred percent. To the extent the gross receipts from the hemp activities do not meet the relevant percentage to be included, this exclusion shall reduce the gross receipts to zero. The business shall still be subject to appropriate business tax provisions of other Chapters of the municipal code.

0. "Industrial hemp" means a crop that is limited to types of the plant Cannabis sativa L. having no more than three-tenths of 1 percent tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) contained in the dried flowering tops, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin produced therefrom.

P. "Industrial hemp products" means any raw industrial hemp that has undergone a process whereby the raw agricultural product has been transformed into a concentrate, an edible product, or a topical product. "Hemp product" also means hemp products as defined by Section 11018.5 of the California Health and Safety Code.

Q. "Lighting" means a source of light that is primarily used for promoting the biological process of plant growth. Lighting does not include sources of light that primarily exist for the safety or convenience of staff or visitors to the facility, such as emergency lighting, walkway lighting, or light admitted via small skylights, windows or ventilation openings.

R. "Medicinal cannabis" or "medicinal cannabis product" means cannabis or a cannabis product, intended to be sold or sold for use pursuant to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215), found at Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code, for a medicinal cannabis patient in California who possesses a physician's recommendation, or a cannabis card issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11362.71.

S. "Nursery" means a facility or part of a facility that is used only for producing clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of cannabis or industrial hemp industrial hemp.

T. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, whether organized as a nonprofit or for-profit entity, and includes the plural as well as the singular number.

U. "Processing" means a cultivation site that conducts only trimming, drying, curing, grading, packaging, or labeling of cannabis, industrial hemp and non-manufactured cannabis products.

V. "Sale" "sell" and "to sell" means and includes any sale, exchange, or barter. It shall also mean any transaction whereby, for any consideration, title to cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp products are transferred from one person to another and includes the delivery of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp products pursuant to an order placed for the purchase of the same, but does not include the return of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp products to the licensee from whom the cannabis, cannabis product, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp product was purchased.

X. "State" means the State of California.

Y. "State license," "license," or "registration" means a state license issued pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 26050, and all other applicable state laws, required for operating a cannabis business.

Z. "Tax Administrator" means the City Manager of the City of Vacaville or his or her designee.

AA. "Testing Laboratory" means a cannabis business that (i) offers or performs tests of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp, and/or industrial hemp products, (ii) offers no service other than such tests, (iii) sells no products, excepting only testing supplies and materials, (iv) is accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in the cannabis industry in the state, and (v) is registered with the Bureau of Cannabis Control or other state agency.

### 5.38.050 Tax Imposed.

- A. Beginning January 1, 2021, there is imposed upon each person who is engaged in business as a cannabis business a cannabis business tax. Such tax is payable regardless of whether the business has been issued a business license or commercial cannabis permit to operate lawfully in the City or is operating unlawfully. The City's acceptance of a cannabis business tax payment from a cannabis business operating illegally shall not constitute the City's approval or consent to such illegal operations.
- B. The City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, increase or decrease the rate of the cannabis business tax, including the initial rate of cannabis business tax. The City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, increase or decrease the rate of the medicinal cannabis business tax, including the initial rate of the medicinal business tax, independent of other cannabis business tax activities. In addition, the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, increase or decrease the rate of the cannabis business tax on hemp or hemp products, including the initial rate of the tax on hemp or hemp products, including the initial rate of the tax on hemp or hemp products independent of other cannabis activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City Council repeal this tax or set any adjusted rate that exceeds the maximum rates calculated pursuant to this Chapter.
- C. The maximum rate of the cannabis business tax shall be calculated as follows:
  - 1. For every person engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation, including cultivation of industrial hemp, in the City:
    - a. Through January 1, 2024, the annual maximum rate shall be:
      - i. Ten dollars (\$10.00) per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses exclusively artificial lighting.
      - ii. Seven dollars (\$7.00) per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses a combination of natural and supplemental lighting as defined in Section 5.38.040 Q of this Chapter.
      - iii. Four dollars (\$4.00) per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses no artificial lighting.
      - iv. Two dollars (\$2.00) per square foot of canopy space for any nursery.
    - b. On January 1, 2024 and on each January 1, thereafter, the maximum annual tax rates specified in subsection 5.38.050 (C) (1) (a), shall increase by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for consumers in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward Region as published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, no CPI adjustment resulting in a decrease of any tax imposed by this subsection shall be made.
  - 2. Every person engaged in the operation of a testing laboratory for cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp products shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed two percent (2%) of gross receipts.
  - 3. Every person engaged in retail sales of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp, and/or industrial hemp products, including as a retailer (dispensary) or non-storefront retailer (retail delivery business), or microbusiness, shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed six percent (6%) of gross receipts.
  - 4. Every person engaged in distribution of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp products, shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed three percent (3%) of gross receipts.
  - 5. Every person engaged in manufacturing or processing of cannabis, cannabis products, industrial hemp and/or industrial hemp products, or any other type of cannabis business not described in Section 5.38.050 (C) (1), (2), (3), or (4) shall be subject to the maximum tax rate not to exceed four percent (4%) of gross receipts.
- D. Persons subject to the cannabis business tax shall register with the City and pay the registration fee pursuant to Section 5.38.060.

They shall also be required to obtain a business license pursuant to Chapter 5.04 of this code; provided, however, that cannabis business activities subject to the cannabis business tax shall be excluded from determining the amount of any business license tax payable under Chapter 5.04.

#### 5.38.060 Registration, reporting and remittance of tax.

- A. Registration of Cannabis Business. All cannabis businesses shall be required to annually register as follows:
  - 1. All persons engaging in business as a cannabis business, whether an existing, newly established or acquired business shall register with the Tax Administrator within thirty (30) days of commencing operation and shall annually renew such registration within 30 days of the business registration anniversary date of each year thereafter. In registering, such persons shall furnish to the Tax Administrator a sworn statement, upon a form provided by the Tax Administrator, setting forth the following information:
    - i. The name of the business
    - ii. The names and addresses of each owner
    - iii. The exact nature or kind of business;
    - iv. The place where such business is to be carried on; and
    - v. Any additional information which the Tax Administrator may require.
- B. An annual registration fee in accordance with the current and approved City fee schedule shall be presented with the sworn statement submitted under this section. This fee shall not be considered a tax and may be adjusted by resolution of the City Council.
- C. The cannabis business tax imposed by this Chapter shall be paid, in arrears, on a monthly basis. Each person owing a cannabis business tax each calendar month shall, no later than the last day of the month following the close of the calendar month, file with the Tax Administrator a statement ("tax statement") of the tax owed for that calendar month and the basis for calculating that tax. The Tax Administrator may require that the tax statement be submitted on a form prescribed by the Tax Administrator. The tax for each calendar month shall be due and payable on that same date that the tax statement for the calendar month is due.
- D. Upon cessation of a cannabis business, tax statements and payments shall be immediately due for all calendar months up to the calendar month during which cessation occurred.
- E. The Tax Administrator may, at his or her discretion, establish alternative reporting and payment periods for any taxpayer as the Tax Administrator deems necessary to ensure effective collection of the cannabis business tax. The Tax Administrator may also require that a deposit, to be applied against the taxes for a calendar month, be made by a taxpayer at the beginning of that calendar month. In no event shall the deposit required by the Tax Administrator exceed the tax amount he or she projects will be owed by the taxpayer for the calendar month. The Tax Administrator may require that a taxpayer make payments via a cashier's check, money order, wire transfer, or similar instrument.

#### 5.38.070 Payments and communications – timely remittance.

Whenever any payment, statement, report, request or other communication is due, it must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the final due date. A postmark will not be accepted as timely remittance. If the due date would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday observed by the City, the due date shall be the next regular business day on which the City is open to the public.

# 5.38.080 Payment - when taxes deemed delinquent.

Unless otherwise specifically provided under other provisions of this Chapter, the taxes required to be paid pursuant to this Chapter shall be deemed delinquent if not received by the Tax Administrator on or before the due date as specified in Sections 5.38.060 and 5.38.070.

#### 5.38.090 Notice not required by the City.

The City may as a courtesy send a tax notice to the cannabis business which owes the City a cannabis business tax. However, the Tax Administrator is not required to send a delinquency or other notice or bill to any person subject to the provisions of this Chapter. Failure to

send such notice or bill shall not affect the validity of any tax or penalty due under the provisions of this Chapter.

### 5.38.100 Penalties and interest.

A. Any person who fails or refuses to pay any cannabis business tax required to be paid pursuant to this Chapter on or before the due date shall pay penalties and interest as follows:

1. A penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the tax, in addition to the amount of the tax, plus interest on the unpaid tax calculated from the due date of the tax at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.

2. If the tax remains unpaid for a period exceeding one calendar month beyond the due date, an additional penalty equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax, plus interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid tax and on the unpaid penalties.

3. Interest shall be applied at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the first day of the month for the full month and will continue to accrue monthly on the tax and penalty until the balance is paid in full.

B. Whenever a check or electronic payment is submitted in payment of a cannabis business tax and the payment is subsequently returned unpaid by the bank for any reason, the taxpayer will be liable for the tax amount due plus any fees, penalties, and interest as provided for in this Chapter, and any other amount allowed under state law.

#### 5.38.110 Refunds and credits.

A. No refund shall be made of any tax collected pursuant to this Chapter, except as provided in Section 5.38.120.

B. No refund of any tax collected pursuant to this Chapter shall be made because of the discontinuation, dissolution, or other termination of a business.

#### 5.38.120 Refunds and procedures.

A. Whenever the amount of any cannabis business tax, penalty or interest has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously collected or received by the City under this Chapter, it may be refunded to the claimant who paid the tax provided that a written claim for refund is filed with the Tax Administrator within one (1) year of the date the tax was originally due or paid, whichever came first.

B. The Tax Administrator, his or her designee or any other City officer charged with the administration of this Chapter shall have the right to examine and audit all the books and business records of the claimant in order to determine the eligibility of the claimant to the claimed refund. No claim for refund shall be allowed if the claimant refuses to allow such examination of claimant's books and business records after request by the Tax Administrator to do so.

C. In the event that the cannabis business tax was erroneously paid in an amount in excess of the tax due, and the error is attributable to the City, the City shall refund the amount of tax erroneously paid; provided that (i) a claim for refund has been timely filed with the Tax Administrator; and (ii) the refund cannot exceed, under any circumstance, the amount of tax overpaid during the twelve months preceding the last month for which the claim states the tax was overpaid.

# 5.38.130 Personal Cultivation Not Taxed.

The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to personal cannabis cultivation or personal use of cannabis, to the extent those activities are authorized in the "Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act," as may be amended. This Chapter shall not apply to personal use of cannabis that is specifically exempted from state licensing requirements, that meets the definition of personal use or equivalent terminology under state law, and provided that the individual receives no compensation whatsoever related to that personal cultivation or use.

# 5.38.140 Administration of the tax.

A. It shall be the duty of the Tax Administrator to collect the taxes, penalties, fees, and perform the duties required by this Chapter.

B. For purposes of administration and enforcement of this Chapter generally, the Tax Administrator may from time to time promulgate such administrative interpretations, rules, and procedures consistent with the purpose, intent, and express terms of this Chapter as he or she deems necessary to implement or clarify such provisions or aid in enforcement.

C. The Tax Administrator may take such administrative actions as needed to administer the cannabis business tax, including but not

limited to:

- 1. Provide to all cannabis business taxpayers forms for the reporting of the tax;
- 2. Provide information to any taxpayer concerning the provisions of this Chapter;
- 3. Receive and record all taxes remitted to the City as provided in this Chapter;
- 4. Maintain records of taxpayer reports and taxes collected pursuant to this Chapter;
- 5. Assess penalties and interest to taxpayers pursuant to this Chapter;
- 6. Determine amounts owed under and enforce collection pursuant to this Chapter.

#### 5.38.150 Appeal procedure.

Any taxpayer aggrieved by any decision of the Tax Administrator with respect to the amount of tax, interest, penalties and fees, if any, due under this Chapter may appeal to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within thirty (30) calendar days of the serving or mailing of the Tax Administrator's determination of the amount due. The City Clerk, or his or her designee, shall fix a time and place for hearing such appeal, and the City Clerk, or his or her designee, shall give notice in writing to such operator at the last known place of address. The finding of the City Council shall be final and conclusive and shall be served upon the appellant in the manner prescribed by this section 5.38.150 for service of notice of hearing. Any amount found to be due shall be immediately due and payable upon the service of the notice.

#### 5.38.160 Enforcement - action to collect.

Any taxes, penalties and/or fees required to be paid under the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a debt owed to the City. Any person owing money to the City under the provisions of this Chapter shall be liable in an action brought in the name of the City for the recovery of such debt. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed a limitation upon the right of the City to bring any other action including criminal, civil and equitable actions, based upon the failure to pay the tax, penalties and/or fees imposed by this Chapter or the failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter.

#### 5.38.170 Apportionment.

If a business subject to the tax is operating both within and outside the City, it is the intent of the City to apply the cannabis business tax so that the measure of the tax fairly reflects the proportion of the taxed activity actually carried on in the City. To the extent federal or state law requires that any tax due from any taxpayer be apportioned, the taxpayer may indicate said apportionment on his or her tax return. The Tax Administrator may promulgate administrative procedures for apportionment as he or she finds useful or necessary.

#### 5.38.180 Constitutionality and legality.

This tax is intended to be applied in a manner consistent with the United States and California Constitutions and state law. None of the tax provided for by this Chapter shall be applied in a manner that causes an undue burden upon interstate commerce, a violation of the equal protection or due process clauses of the Constitutions of the United States or the State of California or a violation of any other provision of the California Constitution or state law. If a person believes that the tax, as applied to him or her, is impermissible under applicable law, he or she may request that the Tax Administrator release him or her from the obligation to pay the impermissible portion of the tax.

# 5.38.190 Audit and examination of premises and records.

A. In addition to those powers granted to the Tax Administrator under Section 5.20.050 and Section 5.20.060, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of cannabis business tax owed or verifying any representations made by any taxpayer to the City in support of his or her tax calculation, the Tax Administrator shall have the power to inspect any location where commercial cannabis activity occurs and to audit and examine all books and records (including, but not limited to bookkeeping records, state and federal income tax returns, and other records relating to the gross receipts of the business) of persons engaged in cannabis businesses. In conducting such investigation, the Tax Administrator shall have the power to inspect any equipment, such as computers or point of sale machines, which may contain such records.

B. It shall be the duty of every person liable for the collection and payment to the City of any tax imposed by this Chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of at least three (3) years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax as he or she may have been liable for the collection of and payment to the City, which records the Tax Administrator or his/her designee shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times.

#### 5.38.200 Other licenses, permits, taxes, fees or charges.

A. Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any requirements for any commercial cannabis permit or City license required by, under or by virtue of any provision of any other Chapter of this code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City, nor be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any tax, fee or other charge imposed, assessed or required under any other Chapter of this code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City. Any references made or contained in any other Chapter of this code to any licenses, license taxes, fees, or charges, or to any schedule of license fees, shall be deemed to refer to the licenses, license taxes, fees or charges, or schedule of license fees, provided for in other Chapters of this code.

B. The Tax Administrator may revoke or refuse to renew the license required by Chapter 5.08 of this code for any business that is delinquent in the payment of any tax due pursuant to this Chapter or that fails to make a deposit required by the Tax Administrator pursuant to Section 5.38.060.

A commercial cannabis permit issued under the Vacaville Municipal Code may be revoked, suspended, or not renewed in the event that the business holding that permit has failed to (i) make a deposit required by the Tax Administrator pursuant to Section 5.38.060 or (ii) timely pay all taxes, interest, and penalties owed by that business under this Chapter.

#### 5.38.210 Payment of tax does not authorize unlawful business.

A. The payment of a cannabis business tax required by this Chapter, and its acceptance by the City, shall not entitle any person to carry on any cannabis business unless the person has complied with all of the requirements of this code and all other applicable state laws.

B. No tax paid under the provisions of this Chapter shall be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal or unlawful business, or any business in violation of any local or state law.

#### 5.38.220 Deficiency determinations.

If the Tax Administrator is not satisfied that any statement filed as required under the provisions of this Chapter is correct, or that the amount of tax is correctly computed, he or she may compute and determine the amount to be paid and make a deficiency determination upon the basis of the facts contained in the statement or upon the basis of any information in his or her possession or that may come into his or her possession within three (3) years of the date the tax was originally due and payable. One or more deficiency determinations of the amount of tax due for a period or periods may be made. When a person discontinues engaging in a cannabis business, a deficiency determination may be made at any time within three (3) years thereafter as to any liability arising from engaging in such cannabis business whether or not a deficiency determination is issued prior to the date the tax would otherwise be due. Whenever a deficiency determination is made, a notice shall be given to the person concerned in the same manner as notices of assessment are given under Section 5.38.240.

#### 5.38.230 Failure to report—nonpayment, fraud.

A. Under any of the following circumstances, the Tax Administrator may make and give notice of an assessment of the amount of tax owed by a person under this Chapter at any time:

- 1. If the person has not filed a complete statement required under the provisions of this Chapter;
- 2. If the person has not paid the tax due under the provisions of this Chapter;

3. If the person has not, after demand by the Tax Administrator, filed a corrected statement, or furnished to the Tax Administrator adequate substantiation of the information contained in a statement already filed, or paid any additional amount of tax due under the provisions of this Chapter; or

4. If the Tax Administrator determines that the nonpayment of any cannabis business tax due under this Chapter is due to fraud, a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax shall be added thereto in addition to penalties and interest otherwise payable under this Chapter and any other penalties allowed by law.

B. The notice of assessment shall separately set forth the amount of any tax known by the Tax Administrator to be due or estimated by the Tax Administrator, after consideration of all information within the Tax Administrator's knowledge concerning the business and activities of the person assessed, to be due under each applicable provision of this Chapter and shall include the amount of any penalties or interest accrued on each amount to the date of the notice of assessment.

#### 5.38.240 Tax assessment - notice requirements.

The notice of assessment shall be served upon the person either by personal delivery, by overnight delivery by a nationally-recognized courier service, or by a deposit of the notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid thereon, addressed to the person at the address of the location of the business or to such other address as he or she shall register with the Tax Administrator for the purpose of receiving notices provided under this section; or, should the person have no address registered with the Tax Administrator for such purpose, then to such person's last known address. For the purpose of Section 5.38.240, a service by overnight delivery shall be deemed to have occurred one (1) calendar day following deposit with a courier and service by mail shall be deemed to have occurred three (3) days following deposit in the United States mail.

# 5.38.250 Tax assessment - hearing, application and determination.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of service of the notice of assessment the person may apply in writing to the Tax Administrator for a hearing on the assessment. If application for a hearing before the City is not made within the time herein prescribed, the tax assessed by the Tax Administrator shall become final and conclusive. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of any such application for hearing, the Tax Administrator shall cause the matter to be set for hearing before him or her no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of the application, unless a later date is agreed to by the Tax Administrator and the person requesting the hearing. Notice of such hearing shall be given by the Tax Administrator to the person requesting such hearing not later than five (5) calendar days prior to such hearing. At such hearing said applicant may appear and offer evidence why the assessment as made by the Tax Administrator should not be confirmed and fixed as the tax due. After such hearing the Tax Administrator shall determine and reassess (if necessary) the proper tax to be charged and shall give written notice to the person in the manner prescribed in Section 5.38.240 for giving notice of assessment.

# 5.38.260 Relief from taxes - disaster relief.

A. If a cannabis business is unable to comply with any tax requirement imposed under this Chapter due to a disaster, the business may notify the Tax Administrator of its inability to comply and request relief from the tax requirement. For purposes of this Chapter, "disaster" means fire, flood, storm, tidal wave, earthquake, or similar public calamity, whether or not resulting from natural causes.

B. The cannabis business shall provide any information required by the Tax Administrator including, without limitation, why relief is requested, the time period for which the relief is requested, and the reason relief is needed for the specific amount of time. The cannabis business agrees to grant the Tax Administrator or his/her designee access to the location where the cannabis business has been impacted due to a disaster.

C. The Tax Administrator, in his/her sole discretion, may provide relief from the cannabis business tax requirement for businesses whose operations have been impacted by a disaster if such tax relief does not exceed ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars. Such temporary relief may be granted for a reasonable amount of time, in the Tax Administrator's sole discretion, and the amount and duration of relief should be based upon how long it would reasonably take for the cannabis business to recover from the disaster. The Tax Administrator may require that the cannabis business follow certain conditions to receive temporary relief from the cannabis business tax requirement.

# 5.38.270 Conviction for violation - taxes not waived.

The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to pay the required tax shall not excuse or exempt such person from any civil action for the tax debt unpaid at the time of such conviction. No civil action shall prevent a criminal prosecution for any violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of any state law requiring the payment of all taxes.

# 5.38.280 Violation deemed misdemeanor.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

# 5.38.290 Severability.

If any provision of this Chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Chapter or the application of this Chapter to any other person or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

# 5.38.300 Remedies cumulative.

All remedies and penalties prescribed by this Chapter or which are available under any other provision of this code and any other provision of law or equity are cumulative. The use of one or more remedies by the City shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter.

#### 5.38.310 Amendment or modification.

Except as set forth in this section 5.38.310, this Chapter may be amended or modified but not repealed by the City Council without a vote of the people. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment that would expand, extend, or increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Chapter. The people of the City of Vacaville affirm that the following actions shall not constitute an increase of the rate of a tax:

A. The restoration or adjustment of the rate of the tax to a rate that is no higher than that allowed by this chapter, in those circumstances where, among others, the City Council has previously acted to reduce the rate of the tax or is incrementally implementing an increase authorized by this chapter;

B. An action that interprets or clarifies (i) the methodology of applying or calculating the tax or (ii) any definition applicable to the tax, so long as the interpretation or clarification (even if contrary to some prior interpretation or clarification) is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter 5.38; or

C. The collection of the tax imposed by this Chapter even if the City had, for some period of time, failed to collect the tax.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The people of the City of Vacaville hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

**SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.** The findings establishing that this Ordinance is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") are the same as those set forth in the City Council's Resolution No. 2020-082 calling for an election on this Ordinance. The CEQA findings in Resolution No. 2020-082 are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of a City tax and shall take effect immediately.

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the People of the City of Vacaville at the City's November 3, 2020 statewide election. This Ordinance was approved by Declaration of the vote by the City Council of the City of Vacaville on July 14, 2020.

Ron Rowlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Thornbrugh, City Clerk



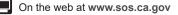
# You have a right to...

- 1. cast a ballot if you are a registered voter. You can register to vote if you are
  - · a U.S. citizen
  - · at least 18 years old
  - not in prison or on parole
  - · registered to vote where you currently live.
- vote on a provisional ballot if your name is not on the list of registered voters.
- 3. vote if you are in line when the polls close.
- 4. cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5. get a new ballot if you have made a mistake as long as you still have your old ballot. If you are at a polling place, ask an election official for a new ballot. If you vote by mail, you must give your original ballot to an election official before the polls close on Election Day before you can ask for a new ballot.
- 6. get help voting and casting your ballot.
- 7. the right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place.
- 8. get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct need a ballot in that language.
- **9. ask questions about election procedures** and watch the election process. You can ask questions of election officials about procedures. The person you ask must answer your questions or send you to the right person for an answer. Please don't ask questions while election officers are busy working.
- report anything happening in the polling place that is a crime or if you believe someone is not who they say they are.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted sample ballot.
- Specific instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading the information mailed to you by your local elections official.
- If you are a newly registered voter, you may be asked to provide appropriate identification or other documentation according to federal law. But please note that every individual has the right to cast a provisional ballot even if he or she does not provide the documentation.
- It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or see something that might be a crime, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).







# Tips and Assistance for Voting in-person



Your vote is important to us and we want to do all that we can to make the whole in-person voting experience enjoyable. Below you will find a few tips that you may find helpful.

# Before you go...

**Take note of your polling place.** Your polling place may have changed since our last election. You can find the address and quick reference map to your polling place on the enclosed voter flyer. You can also find your polling place on the Registrar of Voter's website: www.solanocounty.com/elections.



**Practice marking your ballot.** If you are not a vote by mail voter, we have provided a sample of your ballot for you to make selections before heading to the polls. Use it as a guide when you vote your official ballot on Election Day. To request a sample ballot, you can download one from our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections or call our office at 707-784-6675.

# **On Election day...**



**Check your time.** Many voters vote on their way to work, on their lunch hour, or after work. If you have flexibility in your schedule consider visiting us midmorning or mid-afternoon to miss the crowds.



**If you have questions, please ask.** Your poll workers will have the answers to many of your questions. You can also give us a call at (707) 784-6675 and we will be glad to help.

# If you need assistance...

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot, as a long as those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place will have copies of the ballot in Spanish and Tagalog and may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak Spanish and Tagalog.

Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación quizá mantenga copias en español de la papeleta de votación y empleé trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

Bilang botante, maaari kang magkaroon ng hanggang dalawang tao sa iyong lugar ng botohan o presinto upang matulungan kang i-record ang iyong balota, hangga't ang mga taong ito ay hindi kinakatawan ng iyong tagapag-empleyo o iyong unyon. Magkakaroon ng mga kopya ng iyong balota na isinalin sa Tagalog sa iyong lugar ng botohan. Maaaring may mga taong nagtatrabaho na nagsasalita ngtagalog sa lugar ng botohan.

# **ATTENTION VOTERS**





Solano County is required to provide a translated copy of the official ballots to voters in both Spanish and Tagalog. Any voter in Solano County can request a copy of this ballot for any precinct in the election. Requests can be made at any time. Translated ballots will be delivered at least 10 days before the Election Day.

To request a copy of a translated ballot in Spanish or Tagalog, please use one of the following methods:



By Phone – Call 707-784-6675 during office hours Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.



By E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; place the words "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" in the subject line for faster processing;



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On our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - click the link for "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST"

All polling places in Solano County provide copies of ballots translated in Spanish and Tagalog. For a complete list of polling places, please visit www.solanocounty.com/elections.

# ATENCIÓN VOTANTES



El Condado de Solano tiene la obligación de proporcionarles a los votantes una copia traducida de las boletas electorales oficiales en español y tagalo. Cualquier votante en el Condado de Solano puede solicitar una copia de esta boleta electoral para cualquier distrito electoral en la elección. Las solicitudes pueden realizarse en cualquier momento. Las boletas electorales traducidas serán entregadas al menos 10 días antes del Día de la Elección.

Para solicitar una copia de la boleta electoral traducida al español o tagalo, por favor use uno de los siguientes métodos:



Por Teléfono – Llame al 707-784-6675 durante el horario de atención regular, de lunes a viernes de 8am a 5pm.

Por Correo Electrónico – elections@solanocounty.com; coloque las palabras "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" (SOLICITUD DE BOLETA ELECTORAL TRADUCIDA) en la línea del asunto para un procesamiento más rápido;

En nuestro sitio web: www.solanocounty.com/elections - haga clic en el enlace "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" (SOLICITUD DE BOLETA ELECTORAL TRADUCIDA)



Todos los lugares de votación en el Condado de Solano proporcionan copias de boletas electorales traducidas al español y tagalo. Para una lista completa de lugares de votación, por favor visite www. solanocounty.com/elections.

# TINATAWAG ANG PANSIN NG MGA BOTANTE



Ang County ay inaatasang magkaloob ng isang isinaling kopya ng mga opisyal na balota sa mga botante sa pareho ng Kastila at Tagalog. Sinumang botante sa County ng Solano ay makahihiling ng isang kopya ng balotang ito para sa alinmang presinto sa halalan. Ang mga paghiling ay magagawa anumang oras. Ang mga isinaling balota ay ihahatid ng hindi bababa sa 10 araw bago ang Araw ng Halalan.

Upang humiling ng isang kopya ng isang isinaling balota sa Kastila o Tagalog, mangyaring gamitin ang isa sa mga sumusunod na paraan:



Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono – Tumawag sa 707-784-6675 sa mga oras ng opisina Lunes hanggang Biyernes 8am hanggang 5pm.



Sa pamamagitan ng E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; ilagay ang mga salitang "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST" (PAGHILING NG ISINALING BALOTA) sa linya ng paksa para sa mas mabilis na pagproseso;



Sa aming website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - i-click ang link para sa "TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST"



Lahat ng mga lugar ng botohan sa County ng Solano ay nagkakaloob ng mga kopya ng mga balota na isinalin sa Kastila at Tagalog. Para sa isang kumpletong listahan ng mga lugar ng botohan, mangyaring bisitahin ang www.solanocounty.com/elections.