

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-85

RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT ORDINANCE NO. 3653 FOR APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS IN MARIN COUNTY THAT IMPOSES AND COLLECTS A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX FOR A NINE-YEAR PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING QUALITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION, CHILD CARE, HEALTHCARE AND EXTENDED LEARNING/AFTERSCHOOL.

WHEREAS, access to quality preschool, comprehensive health care and wellness services, child care and afterschool academic support is linked to higher academic achievement, successful careers and healthy, economically vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, research consistently shows that attending quality preschool has lasting, positive impacts on student reading and math scores and dramatically reduces dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, making sure children have an early start in the right direction is a sound investment saving us much more expensive costs down the line such as remedial education, social services or even incarceration; and

WHEREAS, contrary to popular belief, many Marin County children do not have access to critical building blocks of quality preschool, affordable child care, comprehensive healthcare services and afterschool/summer academic support, and only 35% of economically disadvantaged children read at grade level in Marin; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50075 et seq., Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.5, and in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII C, the Board of Supervisors is authorized to establish and impose a transactions and use tax, if approved by the voters, upon retail transactions involving the sale and use of personal property; and

WHEREAS, the transactions and use tax (sales tax), if approved, would be imposed on the sale of tangible personal property and the storage, use or other consumption of such property. The tax rate would be one-quarter of one percent (.25%) of the sales price of the property. The tax revenue would be collected by the State Board of Equalization and remitted to the County. The tax would be in effect for nine (9) years, and would then expire automatically, unless extended by the voters. The tax shall be approved if the measure receives approval by a two-thirds majority of the electors voting on the measure; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors conducted the first reading of Ordinance 3653, known as the Marin Strong Start For Kids Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, including the Marin Strong Start For Kids Expenditure Plan ("Expenditure Plan"), attached as Exhibit A on July 26, 2016 and conducted the merit hearing on August 2, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance 3653, known as the Marin Strong Start For Kids Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance including the Expenditure Plan as Exhibit A, be submitted to the voters in Marin County in the General Election on November 8, 2016. The question submitted to the voters shall be read substantially as follows:

"To support the health, education and safety of underserved children with approximately \$12,000,000 in annual local funding the State cannot take away, shall County of Marin expand access to quality preschool

education; provide healthcare including early screenings, vision, dental and behavioral/mental health services; expand afterschool/summer learning programs promoting reading/writing/math achievement; and provide affordable childcare for infants, toddlers and young children by enacting a ¼% sales tax for 9 years with independent oversight/audits?”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Elections Code 10400 *et seq.*, the election for this measure shall be consolidated with the election to be conducted on November 8, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Elections Code Section 1002, the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Marin County Clerk/Registrar of Voters to render all services necessary for the conduct of the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to publish the ballot question and entire Ordinance, including Exhibit A, in the voter information pamphlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Marin County Counsel is hereby requested to prepare an impartial analysis of the Measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the sales tax shall be deemed established and shall become operative on April 1, 2017 upon certification of the election results evidencing approval by at least two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be liberally construed to achieve its purposes and preserve its validity. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 2nd day of August 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Judy Arnold, Katie Rice, Damon Connolly, Kathrin Sears,
Steve Kinsey

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



CLERK