

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-078

### RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION OFFICE TO NOT PRINT THE LIST OF PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF LOCAL MEASURES

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1416 was passed by the State Legislature in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023. AB 1416 adds section 9170 to the Elections Code which includes a requirement for statewide measures that a listing of the supporters and opponents of measures be listed on the ballot label or that a similar description be provided on the ballot, but gives counties the option of printing the list of supporters and opponents of local measures on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, subdivision (d) of section 9170 of the Elections Code, further provides that a county may opt out of this requirement, stating:

At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county Board of Supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots: and

WHEREAS, the additional printing would result in cost increases for ballot production and printing, additional ballot space for each local measure printed on the ballot and would increase the possibility for electioneering and promotion of candidates who may be on the ballot and are also signers of the measure; and

WHEREAS, printing the list of supporters and opponents would also put the Elections Office in the position of accepting or denying abbreviations of supporters/opponents that may not be clear due to the maximum character limit of 125 characters each, and in turn may result in challenges to perceived unfair determinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Elections Code section 9170(d), elects not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on all future county ballots.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Mulheren, and carried this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE  
Clerk of the Board

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GLENN MCGOURTY, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

*APPROVED AS TO FORM:*  
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS  
County Counsel

BY: DARCIE ANTLE  
Clerk of the Board

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Deputy