



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor McCowen and Supervisor Gjerde

Meeting Date: August 16, 2016

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 20 Mins

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Submittal of a Ballot Statement in Support of Measure AH, "Shall an Ordinance be Adopted Containing Specific Enactment Language that will Allow for the Collection of Taxes Pursuant to the Initiative to Add a Half-Cent Sales Tax to Fund Facilities in Mendocino County to Assist in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health and Drug Dependency" Appearing on the November 2016 Ballot, and Possible Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Finalize and Submit said Ballot Statement (Sponsors: Supervisor Gjerde and Supervisor McCowen)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Authorize the submittal of ballot statements in support of Measure AH, "Shall an Ordinance be Adopted Containing Specific Enactment Language that will Allow for the Collection of Taxes Pursuant to the Initiative to Add a Half-Cent Sales Tax to Fund Facilities in Mendocino County to Assist in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health and Drug Dependency" appearing on the November 2016 Ballot; and appoint Supervisor Gjerde and Supervisor McCowen as an ad hoc committee to finalize and submit the ballot statement.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On August 2 the Board of Supervisors authorized submittal to the voters of Mendocino County an initiative entitled, "Shall an Ordinance be Adopted Containing Specific Enactment Language that will Allow for the Collection of Taxes Pursuant to the Initiative to Add a Half-Cent Sales Tax to Fund Facilities in Mendocino County to Assist in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health and Drug Dependency" Measure AH, which is necessary to enact Measure AG "An Initiative to Add a Temporary Half-Cent Sales Tax to Fund Facilities in Mendocino County to Assist in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health and Drug Dependency" should it be approved by the voters on November 8, 2016.

Summary of Request:

The Board of Supervisors, as the proponents of Measure AH, "Shall an Ordinance be Adopted Containing Specific Enactment Language that will Allow for the Collection of Taxes Pursuant to the Initiative to Add a Half-Cent Sales Tax to Fund Facilities in Mendocino County to Assist in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health and Drug Dependency", has the opportunity to present arguments in favor of the measure to the voters and to submit rebuttals to any arguments that may be submitted against the measure. An enacting clause was inadvertently not included in Measure AG, also known as the Sheriff's Mental Health Initiative. In order for the State Board of Equalization to enact Measure AG, it is necessary for the voters to also approve Measure AH

which contains the enacting clause. Supervisors Gjerde and McCowen seek direction from the Board on the following issues related to Measure AH: 1) shall the Board submit official statements in support of the measure? 2) who shall sign the statements?; 3) what suggestions does the Board have for concepts that ought to be included in the ballot statements?

Arguments in favor must be submitted no later than August 22. Rebuttals to arguments against (if any) must be submitted before the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. Due to the timelines for submitting ballot statements, Supervisors Gjerde and McCowen are requesting that they be appointed to an ad hoc committee to finalize and submit ballot statements in support of the measure, and to submit rebuttals to arguments against the measure, if any are filed. Up to five signatures may be included on each ballot statement. All Supervisors could sign, or a Supervisor could be authorized to sign on behalf of the Board, which would allow other community members to sign.

Due to deadlines set in state election code, the Board must decide how it wishes to proceed at its August 16 meeting.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve submittal of ballot arguments and/or do not appoint an ad hoc committee.

Supplemental Information Available Online at: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: N/A

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

Comments: