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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
BY COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MEASURE S**

This measure would levy a Special Tax for Public Library purposes.

Special Tax proceeds are to be used for purposes of and relating to modernizing, upgrading and repairing local libraries in County of Santa Cruz, including but not limited to Aptos, Boulder Creek, Branciforte, Capitola, Downtown Santa Cruz, Felton, Garfield Park, La Selva Beach, Live Oak and Scotts Valley, but excluding library facilities in the City of Watsonville. This shall include, without limitation, new construction, building renovations and service model upgrades such as separate areas for teens and children, flexible spaces and/or meeting rooms and study rooms, flooring, painting, shelving, furniture, technology, and power/data to support other upgrades.

Fiscal Effect

Measure S will authorize issuance of bonds up to \$67,000,000 to finance costs related to the support and construction of the Public Library improvements described above. The Special Tax is expected to generate approximately \$4,150,000 annually to finance the necessary direct costs and debt payments. Some Public Library improvements may be funded on a pay-as-you go basis from Special Taxes and not from bond proceeds.

The maximum annual Special Tax will not exceed (1) \$49.50 per parcel for a single-family residential parcel, (2) \$49.50 per each unit for multi-family residential, (3) \$86.00 per parcel for agricultural, commercial or recreational parcels, or (4) for parcels with multiple uses, the sum of the maximum annual Special Taxes. All real property within the boundaries of the Community Facilities District, unless exempted by law or other provisions, shall be taxed.

The Special Tax is authorized to be levied for a period not to exceed 30 years commencing with the 2016-17 fiscal year. A pre-payment option is available to property owners. The proposed Special Tax does not replace any existing taxes or charges.

Distribution and Accountability of Funds

Net Special Taxes and net bond proceeds will be apportioned as follows: City of Scotts Valley 4.84%, City of Capitola 12.90%, City of Santa Cruz 40.32%, and County of Santa Cruz 41.94%. Each party will be responsible for overseeing the Public Library improvements within its own jurisdiction. Each party shall deposit and track the funds in a separate account which will be subject to an annual independent audit.

As per Government Code, The chief fiscal officer shall file a report with the governing body annually, reporting on the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of any projects required or authorized to be funded.

s/EDITH DRISCOLL
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