

RESOLUTION NO. NS-30,531

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ORDERING AN ELECTION, REQUESTING COUNTY ELECTIONS CONDUCT THE ELECTION, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING TWO CITIZEN INITIATIVE MEASURES ENTITLED WORKFORCE HOUSING AND CLIMATE PROTECTION ACT OF 2025 AND WORKFORCE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2025, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MEASURES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, City Council may, by resolution, request the Board of Supervisors of the county to permit the county elections official to render specified services to the city relating to the conduct of an election; and

WHEREAS, the resolution of the City Council shall specify the services requested; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the city shall reimburse the county in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400, whenever two or more elections of any legislative or congressional district, public district, city, county, or other political subdivision are called to be held on the same day, in the same territory, or in territory that is in part the same, they may be consolidated upon the order of the governing body or bodies or officer or officers calling the elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10400, such election for cities and special districts may be either completely or partially consolidated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, whenever an election called by a district, city, or other political subdivision for the submission of any question, proposition, or office to be filled is to be consolidated with a statewide election, and the question, proposition, or office to be filled is to appear upon the same ballot as that provided for that statewide election, the district, city or other political subdivision shall, at least 88 days prior to the date of the election, file with the board of supervisors, and a copy with the elections official, a resolution of its governing board requesting the consolidation, and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition, or office to be voted upon at the election, as it is to appear on the ballot. Upon such request, the Board of Supervisors may order the consolidation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10418, if consolidated, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted, election boards appointed, voting precincts designated, candidates nominated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, voter challenges determined, ballots counted and returned, returns canvassed, results declared, certificates of election issued, recounts conducted, election contests presented, and all other proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide or special election, or the election held pursuant to Section 1302 or 1303, as applicable.

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WHEREAS, the resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the adoption of the ordinance, resolution, or order calling the election; and

WHEREAS, various district, county, state, and other political subdivision elections may be or have been called to be held on November 4, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz hereby orders an election to be called and consolidated with any and all elections also called to be held on November 4, 2025 insofar as said elections are to be held in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same as the territory of the City of Santa Cruz and requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz to order such consolidation under Elections Code Sections 10401, 10403, and 10418.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City of Santa Cruz hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to permit the Santa Cruz County Elections Department to provide any and all services necessary for conducting the election and agrees to pay for said services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Elections Department shall conduct the election for the attached measures to be voted on at the November 4, 2025 election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Elections Department is requested to print the attached measure text exactly as filed or indicated on the filed document in the County Voter Information Guide for the November 4, 2025 election. Cost of printing and distribution of the measure text will be paid for by the city.

Pursuant to its right, title, and authority under Section 3 of Article XI of the California Constitution and Sections 1415(a)(2) and 9255(b)(1) of the California Elections Code, the City Council hereby calls an election to be held in the City of Santa Cruz on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following measures;

Workforce Housing and Climate Protection Act of 2025 (see Exhibit A for full text)

To fund affordable housing for local workers, seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, reduce/prevent homelessness, and increase climate resilience, shall the Santa Cruz County Association of Realtors-sponsored measure, enacting an annual parcel tax of \$50 and a real estate transfer tax in the amount of 0.5% in excess of \$4,000,000 (with a maximum of \$100,000), with certain exemptions, providing approximately \$1,100,000 annually, for 10 years, subject to oversight/audits, be adopted?	Yes	
	No	

Workforce Housing Affordability Act of 2025 (see Exhibit B for full text)

To fund affordable housing for local workers, seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities, and reduce/prevent homelessness, shall the Housing Santa Cruz County-sponsored measure, enacting an annual parcel tax of \$96 and a graduated real estate transfer tax from 0.5% in excess of \$1.8 million, up to 2% in excess of \$4.5 million (with a maximum of \$200,000), with certain exemptions, providing approximately \$4,500,000 annually, for 20 years, subject to oversight/audits, be adopted?	Yes	
	No	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measures to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measures showing the effect of the measures on the existing law and the operation of the measures. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that per California Elections Code 9221, "If the provisions of two or more ordinances adopted at the same election conflict, the ordinance receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall control." As such, the measure receiving the greater number of "yes" votes shall prevail and be adopted, and the other will not.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Trigueiro, Brunner, Newsome, Golder, O'Hara; Vice Mayor Kalantari-Johnson; Mayor Keeley.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

APPROVED: _____

Fred Keeley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator