



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 2.1

MEETING DATE: 06/18/2024

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/ELECTIONS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Francisco Diaz

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SUBJECT:

COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - F. DIAZ

Accept the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Certification of the initiative petition to amend the County General Plan to Require Voter Approval Before Re-Designating Agricultural, Rural, or Range Lands, and Remove Commercial Regional Designation from four Highway 101 Nodes; Move to adopt measure without alteration, or adopt a resolution to present measure to the voters at the next regularly scheduled election.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 285

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-76

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On May 6, 2024, supporters submitted a petition to amend the County General Plan to Require Voter Approval Before Re-Designating Agricultural, Rural, or Range Lands, and Remove Commercial Regional Designation from four Highway 101 Nodes. To qualify, the petition needed signatures from at least 10% of the total votes cast for all gubernatorial candidates in the last election, which required a minimum of 1,985 signatures.

On May 21, 2024, the county elections office received 149 pages containing 3,480 signatures. A random sample of 500 signatures was then verified according to the California Code of Regulations Sections 20510-20540. The statistical analysis revealed 2,875 valid signatures, exceeding the required number by 144.8%, demonstrating substantial support for the initiative. This result met the criteria in Election Code

Section 9115, which requires that the sampled signatures statistically exceed 110% of the necessary total.

According to Elections Code Section 9118, the Board of Supervisors must either move to adopt the measure without alteration, or adopt a resolution to present measure to the voters at the next regularly scheduled election.

If the Board of Supervisors moves to adoption without alteration, county staff will bring the measure for final enactment at the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to comply with noticing requirement.

For more background and history on the initiative process, visit: <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ballot-measures/pdf/statewide-initiative-guide.pdf>

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

Yes

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

101.20.1115.1000.250

CURRENT FY COST:

\$35,000 to \$45,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Approved Certification and adopted Resolution No. 2024-76 to present measure to the voters at the next regularly scheduled election. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution](#)

[Initiative Clerk Certification](#)

[Initiative Petition](#)

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[County Initiative Petition Process Flowchart](#)