## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-74**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF PRIMARY AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS AND SETTING RULES FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING THREE CITY TAX MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Albany, California on November 3, 2020, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following three City tax measures:

"To support City of Albany general services, with funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento, including: emergency response services, environmental programs, community services and local business	YES
programs, shall a measure increasing the City's real property transfer tax rate from \$11.50 to \$15.00 per \$1,000 purchased, providing an additional \$392,000 annually, until ended by voters, with all funds remaining local, be adopted?"	NO

"To support City of Albany general services including: disaster and emergency preparedness, reducing greenhouse gas emissions,	YES
emergency response and environmental sustainability, shall a measure increasing the City's utility users' tax from 7% to 9.5% for gas and electric service, and applying the tax to water service at 7.5%, providing an additional \$675,000 annually until ended by voters, exempting self-generated energy, exempting low-income households, requiring independent audits, with all funds remaining local, be adopted?"	NO

advanced life support fire engine and ambulance service special tax from \$23.66 to \$68 per assigned residential unit, providing an additional \$359,600 annually until ended by voters, exempting very	ES
low-income residents, with annual independent audits, with all funds remaining local, be adopted?"	10

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS **FOLLOWS:** 

**Primary Arguments.** That the City Council authorizes (i) the City Council Section 1. or any member(s) of the City Council, (ii) any individual voter eligible to vote on the above measures, (iii) a bona fide association of such citizens or (iv) any combination of voters and associations, to file a written argument in favor of or against the City measures, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, and to change the argument until and including the date fixed below by the City Clerk, after which no arguments for or against the City measures may be submitted to the City Clerk.

The deadline to submit arguments for or against the City measures pursuant to this Resolution is declared by the City Clerk to be Friday, August 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Each argument shall not exceed 300 words and shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, and include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

Section 2. **Rebuttal Arguments.** Pursuant to Section 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the City Clerk has selected the primary arguments for and against the City measures which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the Clerk shall send copies of

the primary argument in favor of each measure to the authors of the primary argument against, and copies of the primary argument against to the authors of the primary argument in favor. The authors or persons designated by them may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not later than **Friday**, **August 21**, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the primary arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the primary argument which it seeks to rebut.

**Section 3. November 3, 2020 Election.** That the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3, 2020, and shall then be repealed.

**Section 4. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2020.

Nick Pilch, Mayor



## City of Albany

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-74

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

ALBANY, The 6th day of July, 2020, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, McQuaid, and Mayor Pilch

NOES: Council Member Nason

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

7th day of July, 2020.

Anne Hsu

CITY CLERK